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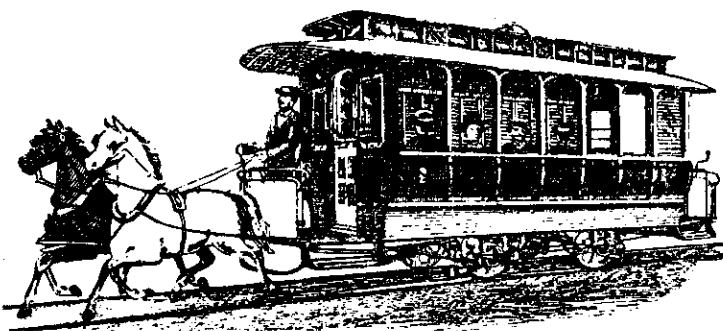
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FRANK G. PAYNE AND C.L. CARLSON

THIS MONTH THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION MOURNS THE LOSS OF TWO OF ITS LONG-TIME MEMBERS. FRANK G. PAYNE OF ROANOKE, VA., JOINED THE A.V.A. IN 1951, AND DIED OF A HEART ATTACK ON DECEMBER 17. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS MANY FRIENDS WHO CORRESPONDED WITH HIM OVER THE YEARS. "STRAWBERRY" CARLSON JOINED THE A.V.A. IN 1955, AND DIED OF A HEART ATTACK AT A UNION MEETING ON JANUARY 19. HE WAS A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE SEATTLE CLUB AND ITS MOST LOYAL MEMBER. HIS PASSING LEAVES A VOID IN SEATTLE WHICH WILL NOT SOON BE FILLED.

DAN DiMICHAEL, OUR HARD-WORKING SECRETARY, ASKS ME TO REMIND MEMBERS THAT THEY SHOULD PAY THEIR 1961 A.V.A. DUES RIGHT AWAY. SO PLEASE DON'T DELAY. WE NEED THE MONEY! STILL ONLY \$3.00. OUR SECRETARY ALSO HAS NOTED A SLIGHT ERROR ON THE NEW APPLICATION BLANKS, WHICH WERE MAILED RECENTLY TO ALL MEMBERS. AT THE TOP, IT SHOULD, OF COURSE, SAY "TOGETHER WITH \$4.00" BECAUSE NEW MEMBERS MUST SEND \$3 DUES PLUS \$1 INITIATION FEE. SO BEFORE SENDING OUT APPLICATION BLANKS, PLEASE MAKE THIS CORRECTION IN INK.

MANY A.V.A. MEMBERS WILL BE INTERESTED IN JOINING A NEW SOCIETY FOR GENERAL TOKEN COLLECTORS (NOT JUST TRANSPORTATIONS) AND MEDAL COLLECTORS. OUR FRIEND GEORGE FULD IS PRESIDENT, AND WE RECOMMEND IT HIGHLY. FOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATION WRITE LUCY A. KELLY, SECY. - 3410 FORD ST. - MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU AND YOURS THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND GOOD HEALTH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN 1960. I RELY ON YOUR CONTINUAL COOPERATION FOR 1961. THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TOO FEW WE HAVE 30 NEW MEMBERS AND FOUR REINSTATEMENTS FOR 1960. FOR 1961 LET EVERY MEMBER OBTAIN A NEW MEMBER. IT REALLY MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD INSIDE.

YOU NOW HAVE YOUR NEW CONSTITUTION AND CODE OF ETHICS, A NEW A.V.A. SEAL, AND THANKS TO OUR EDITOR AND HIS ASSOCIATES, ALBERT FIELD, MORT DAWSON, AND KENNETH SMITH, WE HAVE HAD MANY NEW PAGES FOR THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST. AND HAVE YOU NOTICED THE DOUBLE SIZE OF YOUR FARE BOX RECENTLY?

AS YOU KNOW, A.V.A. FUNDS ARE HELD BY OUR GOOD TREASURER, R.K. FRISBEE, AND WE APPRECIATE HIS EXCELLENT AND EFFICIENT HANDLING. THANKS, TOBY. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT OF UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND HIS CONTROL WE HAVE TWO COSIGNERS, NAMELY THE PRESIDING PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, THEREBY ELIMINATING FROZEN ASSETS.

AS SOON AS PRESENT SUPPLY OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS IS DEPLETED, WE SHALL HAVE NEW ONES BEARING THE NEW SEAL. OUR ESTEEMED ASSOCIATE MR. MAX M. SCHWARTZ, I EXPECT, WILL ALSO CONTINUE HIS FINE WORK WITH THE VARIETIES LIST. THANKS, MAC. WE ARE ALL INDEBTED TO OUR ABLE EDITOR, JOHN COFFEE, FOR HIS CONSCIENTIOUS WORK IN PRODUCTION OF SUCH FINE FARE BOX COPY. THANKS, JOHN.

YES, WE DO HAVE IN MIND A NEW LAPEL BUTTON AND MEDAL WITH OUR NEW SEAL ON IT, IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IT IS STILL IMPERATIVE THAT WE OBTAIN NEW MEMBERS, IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO FURNISH MORE AND MORE SERVICES AS AN ASSOCIATION. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOUR COOPERATION.

REMEMBER THE 1961 A.V.A. CONVENTION, AT THE EVERGREEN ROOM OF THE CURTIS HOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 5, 1961. MEN OF NORTH, EAST, AND SOUTH, ON YOUR MARK! MEN OF THE WEST, NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST, MAKE READY! MEN OF THE MIDDLE WEST, "FIRE THE WORKS"! MINNEAPOLIS HERE WE COME.

- F. GORDON SMITH, PRESIDENT.

GEORGE FULD HAS COME UP WITH AN INTERESTING TOKEN, AS FOLLOWS:

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STYLES OF PICTORIAL TOKENS

BY J.M. COFFEE

MOST POPULAR OF THE TRANSPORTATION TOKENS ARE THOSE WHICH HAVE PICTURES ON THEM, FOR PICTURES ADD INTEREST TO THE TOKENS AND GIVE THEM A CERTAIN INDIVIDUALITY. FOR EXAMPLE, TEX 340 A PORTRAYS A BUILDING WHICH BURNED DOWN SHORTLY AFTER THE TOKEN WAS ISSUED. ORE 800 A PORTRAYS THE OLD STATE CAPITOL, LONG SINCE TORN DOWN TO MAKE WAY FOR A MORE MODERN STRUCTURE.

BUT MOST POPULAR OF THE PICTORIAL TOKENS ARE, OF COURSE, THOSE PICTURING HORSECARS. THERE ARE FEWER THAN THIRTY OF THESE, AND MOST OF THESE 30 VARIETIES SHOW THE SAME STYLE OF CAR. THE COMMONEST TYPE OF HORSECAR IS THAT FOUND ON ME 480 A, WISC 360 A & C, MINN 540 G & H, KANS 640 A & 880 A, ETC. CAREFUL SCRUTINY OF THIS TYPE OF HORSECAR REVEALS TWO MINOR VARIATIONS: THE TYPE OF KANS 880 A WITH THICK TIRES ON THE WHEELS AND A REAR ROOF WHICH EXTENDS TO WITHIN 1MM OF THE DENTILLATION DESIGN AT THE EDGE OF THE TOKEN. THE OTHER TYPE, AS ON WISC 360 C, HAS THINNER TIRED WHEELS, AND A SHORTER REAR ROOF. THERE ARE, THEN, TWO MINOR VARIATIONS OF EACH OF THESE TWO STYLES OF HORSECARS: ONE WHEREIN THE REINS LEADING TO THE HORSES ARE ABOVE THE BACKS OF THE HORSES, THE OTHER WHEREIN THE REINS JUST TOUCH THE BACKS OF THE HORSES. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF OUR TOKENS EXIST WITH SEVERAL, IF NOT ALL, OF THESE FOUR POSSIBLE VARIANTS OF HORSECAR DESIGNS.

THERE ARE, ALSO, OTHER MAJOR STYLES OF HORSECARS, AS THAT ON KY 480 A, WHICH IS LIKE NO OTHER TOKEN; IND 280 A, ALSO UNIQUE IN DESIGN; IOWA 590 B (SIMILAR TO NEB 540 K AND L IN STYLE OF CAR); TENN 375 A,B; CALIF 575 A. ALL THESE HAVE UNUSUAL TYPES OF HORSECARS ON THEM. WISC 360 B HAS A CAR WHICH IS SUPERFICIALLY TO THAT ON 360 A AND C, BUT ACTUALLY UNIQUE IN DESIGN. I KNOW OF NO OTHER TOKEN WITH A CAR EXACTLY LIKE IT. THE 8-WINDOWED CAR ON IOWA 390 A IS QUITE AN UNUSUAL DESIGN, ALTHOUGH THE TOKEN ITSELF IS COMPARATIVELY COMMON. TOKENS SHOWING THE HORSECAR ON OBVERSE ARE DEFINITELY IN THE MINORITY, BUT THEY ARE MORE ATTRACTIVE, SHOWING ON ONE SIDE BOTH THE CAR AND THE COMPANY NAME.

OTHER UNUSUAL PICTORIAL TOKENS INCLUDE PA 585 A, WHICH PORTRAYS A STYLE OF CAR FOUND ON NO OTHER TOKEN; MINN 230 C, WHOSE RUNNING HORSE DESIGN IS UNIQUE TO THIS TOKEN; THE TWO DONKEYS ON NY 630 C WITH THE HUMOROUS IMPLICATIONS IN ITS SLOGAN, "WHEN SHALL WE THREE MEET AGAIN." OHIO 230 K PICTURES A MULE RIDING DOWNHILL BEHIND THE CAR. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MAN WITH A PEG-LEG ON PA 745 A,B,C, HAS NEVER BEEN LEARNED. MONT 320 A AND B PORTRAY A SCENE REMINISCENT OF THE WILD WEST OF THE DAYS WHEN THESE TOKENS WERE ISSUED. THE FINE DETAIL OF THE LOCOMOTIVES ON MO 700 B AND SD 260 B MAKE THEM OF INTEREST TO RAIL FANS. LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, OUR A.V.A. SEAL TROLLEY CAR IS FOUND ON OHIO 440 A THRU E, IND 20 A, AND IND 460 A B C.

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A, 305 A, 505 A, 690 A, 715 A; NC 670 A; ND 960 A; PA 25 A,
70 A B C; 320 A, 775 A B.

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ALOGUE OR TRADE: ILL 455 I REV A; IND 590 A REV A, C; IOWA 150
G REV A, 380 E REV B, 740 K REV B; KY 630 A REV B; MICH 650 A
REV C; NC 450 C REV B; OKLA 860 L NO DOTS ON REV; PA 325 B REV
A; 950 G REV A, B; TENN 600 J REV G; VA 520 A REV B.

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THE 1958 ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE IS ALREADY 3 YEARS OLD! I HAVE
JUST COMPILED A REFERENCE INDEX TO ALL SUPPLEMENTARY LISTINGS
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TRIES, SHOWING WHICH ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX CONTAINS WHICH NEW
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A, 765 V XA XB Z, 775 AB BA BB, 840 AA AB B C, 870 AA, 930 A B
C D, 990 B; R.I. 700 E; S.D. 10 C, 870 CB, 840 A C; TENN 120 F.
C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE ST. - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

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THE ALASKA RAILWAYS

MAVERICK #57, ALASKA CENTRAL RAILWAY, HAS INTRIGUED COLLECTORS FOR SOME TIME. THERE IS ANOTHER TOKEN, SIMILAR TO #57, BUT INSCRIBED "ALASKA HOME RAILWAY." AFTER CONSIDERABLE INVESTIGATION, I HAVE LEARNED THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THEM.

ALASKA CENTRAL RAILWAY, INC., WAS THE FIRST COMPANY TO ATTEMPT TO BUILD A RAILROAD FROM SEWARD TO FAIRBANKS, INCORPORATED UNDER STATE OF WASHINGTON LAWS IN 1904. BY 1905 THEY HAD 20 MILES COMPLETED; 46 MILES IN 1906; 53 MILES IN 1909. IN 1908 A SUIT BEGAN IN THE DISTRICT COURT AT VALDEZ AND A RECEIVER WAS APPOINTED, WHO CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION TO KERN CREEK ON TURNIGAN ARM, A DISTANCE OF 71.6 MILES. IN 1912 A MORTGAGE ON ITS PROPERTY WAS FORECLOSED AND A NEW COMPANY FORMED, THE ALASKA NORTHERN RAILWAY. THE BANK OF TORONTO BECAME OWNER (BANK WAS CONTROLLED BY J.P. MORGAN). MORGAN THEN FORMED THE ALASKA SYNDICATE, WHICH ALSO CONTROLLED THE WHITE PASS & YUKON RR. THESE WERE PURCHASED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN 1913, WHICH BUILT THE RAILROAD TO THE INTERIOR OF ALASKA. THE LARGE ALUMINUM TOKENS THUS WERE USED BETWEEN 1904 AND 1912, DURING THE EARLY CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, PROBABLY AS PASSES FOR WORKERS RIDING CONSTRUCTION TRAINS.

ALASKA HOME RAILWAY WAS A LINE INTENDED TO BEGIN IN VALDEZ AND GO TO FAIRBANKS. IT WAS STARTED BY A MAN NAMED REYNOLDS. THAT PARTICULAR TIME IN VALDEZ IS KNOWN AS "REYNOLDS' BOOM." HOWEVER, A GROUP OF LOCAL PEOPLE DECIDED TO TRY TO BEAT REYNOLDS TO IT, AND STARTED CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILROAD ON THEIR OWN. THE TWO CONSTRUCTION CREWS MET HEAD-ON IN KEYSTONE CANYON AND THE WHOLE THING ENDED IN A REAL SHOOTING WAR, WITH AT LEAST ONE MAN KILLED AND POSSIBLY MORE. INASMUCH AS ALASKA HOME RAILWAY NEVER REALLY OPERATED AT ALL, MOST PEOPLE IN ALASKA BELIEVE THAT THE MEN WERE PAID IN THE LARGE ALUMINUM TOKENS, SIMILAR TO THE ALASKA CENTRAL RAILWAYS ONE, BUT INSCRIBED ALASKA HOME RAILWAY. THE TOKENS WERE REDEEMABLE FOR MERCHANDISE AT THE COMPANY STORE. THE PRESENT HIGHWAY NOW USES ONE OF THE TUNNELS BORED FOR THIS RAILROAD.

- J.M.C.

LAMP CHECKS

YEARS AGO BRAKEMEN ON CHICAGO ELEVATED LINES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REAR MARKER LAMPS ON ALL TRAINS, JUST AS BRAKEMEN ON STEAM TRAINS STILL ARE. AS A MEANS OF CHECKING ON THE MEN, LARGE BRASS LAMP CHECKS WERE ISSUED TO BRAKEMEN, WHO EXCHANGED THEM FOR A LAMP AND VICE-VERSA. MARKER LAMPS WERE VERY IMPORTANT THEN. NO CHECK, NO LAMP. NO LAMP, NO RUN. THESE WERE THE OLD DETACHABLE OIL LAMPS. SO THIS IS WHAT THE ITEMS LISTED ON PAGE 118 LAST MONTH WERE USED FOR.

- HARRY C. BARTLEY

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT NOTES

BY HARRY C. BARTLEY

THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB CELEBRATED ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE REGULAR MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 15, 1961. AS YOUR CORRESPONDENT IS STILL CONFINED TO HIS HOME THE MEETING WAS HELD THERE (7012 OHIO RIVER BLVD.) INCLEMENT WEATHER CUT THE ATTENDANCE DOWN, ESPECIALLY OUR OHIO DELEGATION, BUT THE FOLLOWING JOINED THE HOST AND HIS WIFE: CORINNE & BILL BLACK, JOHN MACKIE, PROSPER DE VOS, DUANE FEISEL, MR. & MRS. GORDON HAMILTON, VISITORS.

THE BLACKS, JOHN MACKIE, AND YOUR CORRESPONDENT, WERE FOUNDERS OF THE PDTC, WHILE GORDON HAMILTON WAS A VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF THE LATE FRANK C. KENWORTHY, SO IT WAS NATURAL THAT THE EARLY DAYS OF PDTC AS WELL AS THE EARLY DAYS OF TOKEN COLLECTING ITSELF, WERE DISCUSSED. [F.C. KENWORTHY WAS THE ORIGINATOR OF THE CHECK LIST OF TOKENS, OF WHICH OUR PRESENT ATWOOD CATALOGUE IS THE SUCCESSOR.]

THE SUBJECT OF THE NEW ASSOCIATION OF TOKEN COLLECTORS WAS BROUGHT UP AND DISCUSSED, BUT SINCE THE NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THAT SOCIETY, MRS. LUCY KELLY, WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, NO DEFINITE ACTION WAS TAKEN. WITH PLENTY OF TRADING MATERIAL ON HAND, HOWEVER, THE MEMBERS WERE KEPT BUSY. REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED TOWARD THE ADJOURNMENT HOUR, WHICH CAME ALL TOO SOON.

PROSPER DE VOS AGAIN OFFERED THE USE OF HIS HOME FOR THE NEXT MEETING, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED. SO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1961, AT 2:00 P.M., AT 1448 ORCHARDVIEW DRIVE - GREENTREE (PITTSBURGH), PENNA.

THE COMING CONVENTION AT MINNEAPOLIS

THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL MEET IN THE CURTIS HOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., ON AUGUST 5, 1961. ANYONE WISHING MORE INFORMATION AT THIS TIME MAY CONTACT ANY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA A.V.A. MEMBERS. THERE WILL BE FURTHER NOTICES LATER AS TO DETAILS, ETC. IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO MAKE THIS A BETTER MEETING, WE SHOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HEAR FROM YOU.

FLOYD O. BARNETT - 6048 STEVENS AVE. - MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

= REMEMBER YOUR 1961 DUES =

NEW CALIFORNIA AUCTION

THE EXCHANGE SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A MAIL AUCTION. ALL BIDS ARE TO BE IN MULTIPLES OF 5¢, NO ODD BIDS. ALL ITEMS TO BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT 5¢ ABOVE THE 2ND HIGHEST BID, EXCEPT IN CASES OF TIES, IN WHICH CASE THEY ARE SOLD TO THE EARLIEST POSTMARK. LUCKY BIDDERS WILL BE NOTIFIED AND AS SOON AS PAYMENT PLUS POSTAGE & INSURANCE IS RECEIVED, TOKENS WILL BE SHIPPED. ALL LOTS HAVE A RESERVE OF CATALOGUE, THAT IS, NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT LOWER THAN CATALOGUE VALUE. THE CLOSING DATE OF THE AUCTION IS MARCH 4. SEND BIDS TO KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

1	ALA 750 B	.35	39	MINN 730 C	.50
2	ARK 285 A	.35	40	MINN 820 B	.50
3	ARK 285 B	.35	41	MINN 820 C	.50
4	CAL 395 B	.75	42	Mo 140 A	.75
5	CAL 395 D	.35	43	Mo 420 B	.50
6	CAL 535 AB	1.00	44	Mo 997 ZC-7	.20
7	CAL 535 EB	1.00	45	NEB 440 C	1.00
8	CAL 535 CB	1.00	46	NEB 440 D	1.00
9	CAL 535 DB	1.00	47	NY 780 B	1.50
10	CAL 575 G	.25	48	NC 880 A	.50
11	CAL 775 A	1.00	49	NC 880 B	1.00
12	CAL 775 B	1.00	50	NC 950 B	.75
13	CAL 998 B	.50	51	OHIO 10 L	.50
14	CAL 998 C	.50	52	OHIO 520 B	1.00
15	CAL 998 D	.50	53	PA 150 A	.75
16	COLO 280 A	1.00	54	PA 150 B	1.50
17	CONN 525 A	.35	55	PA 195 A	.50
18	FLA 300 A	.50	56	SC 997 ZC-2	.50
19	FLA 380 C	1.00	57	TENN 375 B	1.00
20	FLA 380 D	.50	58	TENN 375 D	1.00
21	FLA 860 A=	.50	59	TENN 400 A	.35
22	FLA 440 A	.75	60	TENN 430 A	2.00
23	ILL 150 B	1.50	61	TENN 430 B	2.00
24	ILL 285 B	.50	62	TEX 255 C	.25
25	ILL 755 D	.35	63	TEX 255 F	.50
26	IND 90 A	1.00	64	TEX 565 A	.50
27	IND 450 A	.50	65	TEX 985 A	.35
28	IND 460 S	.15	66	TEX 985 B	.25
29	IND 960 A	2.00	67	VA 720 B	.50
30	IOWA 300 D	.50	68	WASH 720 A (THIN)	.50
31	IOWA 850 L	.35	69	WASH 720 A (THICK)	.50
32	KANS 450 B	.50	70	WASH 880 A (THIN)	.50
33	KANS 450 C	.50	71	WASH 880 A (THICK)	.50
34	KANS 480 A	.35	72	W.VA. 200 A	.50
35	MINN 540 G	1.00	73	Wisc 170 B	1.00
36	MINN 540 J	.35	74	Wisc 170 C	1.00
37	MINN 620 B	1.00	75	Wisc 170 D	1.00
38	MINN 620 C	1.00	76	Wyo 150 A	.50

77 HAWAII 210 E	.25	84 SWEDEN 820 AA	2.00
78 GERMANY 740 A	.75	85 SWEDEN 820 AE	1.50
79 GERMANY 740 B	.75	86 SWEDEN 820 EA	.50
80 GERMANY 740 C	.75	87 SWEDEN 820 EB	.50
81 HUNGARY 100 BA	.50	88 SWEDEN 820 IF	.60
82 HUNGARY 100 BB	.50	89 SWEDEN 820 IH	.50
83 TURKEY 400 A	1.50	90 SWEDEN 820 IJ	.50

PART TWO. THESE TOKENS, CATALOGUING OVER 17¢ ARE SOLD AT CAT-ALOGUE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, BASIS: CAL 205 B, 835 E F; COLO 260 A; ILL 285 C, 530 A B E; IND 860 K; IA 600 A, 850 J KANS 600 A, 800 A; MASS 115 Q S O, 660 A, 960 A; MINN 245 A; MO 440 P, 910 K; NEB 540 P; NJ 30 A, 885 A; NY 70 A, 305 A, 505 A, 630 X, 631 D, 715 A, 810 D; NC 290 C; OHIO 10 I, 175 X, 440 C; OKLA 860 K; PA 455 B, 70 B, 190 B, 935 B; VA 620 K, 600 B D F I J L; WASH 420 A, 970 B; WISC 40 B; ALASKA 300 E, 450 H; MEXICO 350 A B C; GERMANY 60 A B, 100 F, 230 AB, 390 P, 480 A, 670 A; FRANCE 660 AB DA CA CP CU CV CW; ENGLAND 812 AA AB, 590 BS, 495 K; SCOTLAND 720 C; AUSTRALIA 720 EG EH EI EJ EK, 480 JU JV JW LD LG LJ LM LP.

PART THREE. DIE VARIETIES FOR SALE AT 15¢ EACH ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS: ALA 560 FA FB; ARIZ 640 BB BC BD, 840 AA AB CA; CALIF 50 AA AB, 450 DA DB FA FB, 715 KA KB, 745 IA IB, 895 BA; COLO 260 BA DB, 340 BA BB; DELA 900 CD ED; FLA 880 CB CD; GA 60 JA JB LA LB; ILL 25 AC, 70 BA, 135 AA AB AC, 190 AA, 285 AA AC, 455 BC, 720 BA BB FA FB, 690 AB; IOWA 310 CC GA FA GB, 150 DC, 600 BA; KANS 150 AB, 600 BB, 970 DB; KY 480 MB, 670 BD, 150 CA BA; LA 810 DB DC.

RUBBER STAMPS OF NEW A.V.A. SEAL AVAILABLE

A NUMBER OF MEMBERS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE RUBBER STAMPS OF THE NEW OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE A.V.A., WHICH THE EDITOR HAS BEEN USING ON HIS ENVELOPES. I HAVE INQUIRED OF OUR PRINTER, WHO HAS DEVELOPED A NEW INEXPENSIVE METHOD OF MAKING PERFECT RUBBER STAMPS, HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST TO HAVE SUCH RUBBER STAMPS MADE UP.

AS A RESULT OF MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRINTER, I CAN NOW OFFER EXCELLENT RUBBER STAMPS, WHICH GIVE A PERFECT IMPRESSION OF OUR NEW TROLLEY CAR SEAL, FOR ONLY ONE DOLLAR EACH, WHICH INCLUDES POSTAGE COST. THIS PRICE IS FOR EITHER THE SMALL-SIZE SEAL (24MM), OR THE LARGE-SIZE SEAL (31MM). BEING ABLE TO STAMP THE SEAL ON YOUR STATIONERY AND ENVELOPES WILL ADD CONSIDERABLE INTEREST, AND MAKE IT STAND OUT. SO IF YOU WISH RUBBER STAMPS OF OUR NEW SEAL, SEND \$1.00 FOR EACH ONE YOU WISH TO THE EDITOR. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBR. 15. THIS OFFER IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO PAID-UP MEMBERS. OUR SEAL IS NOT FOR THE USE OF NON-MEMBERS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

SEVENTEEN PRESENT AT SEATTLE MEETING

THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CLUB WAS HELD IN THE HOME OF MR. & MRS. CECIL JEFFERSON, ON DECEMBER 9. THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY THE NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT, MR. IVAN SHIRROD, AT 8:45 P.M. THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED. CLARENCE HEPPNER READ A CARD HE RECEIVED FROM HAROLD FORD. HAROLD TOLD CLARENCE THAT THE PA 765 H WHICH CLARENCE HAD JUST ACQUIRED IS ONE OF THE CLASSICS OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. PAUL FOUTS HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HARRY BARTLEY SAYING THAT THEY WERE PLANNING ON TAKING PICTURES OF SOME OF THEIR TOKENS, AND THEY ASKED PAUL'S ADVICE ON HOW TO DO IT. PAUL ALSO REPORTED ON THE AUCTION AT VANCOUVER, B.C. CANADIANS, HE SAID, CONSIDER THEIR OLD TOKENS AS HISTORICAL ITEMS, AND AS SUCH ARE BIDDING AS MUCH AS 50 TIMES ATWOOD CATALOGUE PRICES.

AUGUST NILSON SHOWED A TOKEN SIMILAR TO MD 60 F EXCEPT THAT THE REVERSE HAS "C.A.M." INCUSED ON IT. CLARENCE KISTLER SHOWED A TOKEN FOR IDENTIFICATION, WHICH HAS A MAP OF CANADA AND THE HEAD OF KING GEORGE V ON IT. IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE A SOUVENIR PIECE HONORING THE KING'S TRIP THROUGH CANADA.

WE HAD FIRST READINGS FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR CLARENCE M. KISTLER AND TOM LARIMER.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M., AFTER WHICH EVERYONE ENJOYED A SOCIAL HOUR WITH REFRESHMENTS. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND VISITORS WERE PRESENT: C.E. HEPPNER, AUGUST J. NILSON, IVAN SHIRROD, TOM LARIMER, MARY LAKE, WAYNE BILDERBACK, PAUL FOUTS, C.L. CARLSON, BOB CHAMBERLAIN, WILLIAM STANLEY, C.M. KISTLER, CLARE NILSON, FRANCES JEFFERSON, CECIL JEFFERSON, DAN KISTLER, AND MRS. CARLSON.

PRICES REALIZED AT HAROLD FORD'S AUCTION

IN ORDER TO KEEP READERS INFORMED OF THE LATEST PRICE TRENDS OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, WE ENDEAVOR TO REPORT AS MANY PRICES AS POSSIBLE. THESE ARE FOR HAROLD FORD'S AUCTION WHICH WAS LISTED IN THE NOVEMBER FARE BOX.

CALIF 945 F, .20; IOWA 910 A, .50; KY 510 BN, \$1; MO 440 F, 50¢; NC 700 B, .50; OHIO 520 D, .50; OKLA 210 A, .75; 590 B, .75; 860 I, .25; PA 65 H, .50; 110 C, .30; 340 E, .30; 360 C, .25; 965 C, \$5.25; ALASKA 300 F, \$1.75; ENGLISH OMNIBUS HALF PENNY, \$1.90. MR. FORD REGRETS HE HAD TO CLOSE BIDDING A FEW DAYS EARLY BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY TRIP HE HAD TO MAKE. THERE WERE SEVERAL TIE BIDS, IN WHICH CASE THE TOKEN WENT TO THE EARLIER BID.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

352 ROBERT HARRISON - P.O. Box 892 - ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.
AGE 58; LOAD SUPERVISOR. COLLECTING 6 MOS; 135 TOKENS.
PROPOSED BY JON HEIM.

ADMITTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

L-228 F. GORDON SMITH
L-185 GEORGE W. SCHRODER
L-129 ALBERT FIELD
L-211 FOSTER POLLACK

L-65 JOHN M. MACKIE, JR.
L-52 CECIL G. JEFFERSON
L-27 KENNETH E. SMITH

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

307 JACK MARLES - Box 10, STATION A - CALGARY, ALBERTA

RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP

86 CHRIS J. COOK - 2794 REVERE DRIVE - CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS
BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

WE'RE STARTING THE NEW YEAR A BIT SLOW; ONLY 2 NEW ISSUES, WHICH WERE LISTED IN THE DECEMBER FARE BOX: WISC 420 C AND NH 30 A. OUR THANKS TO MR. COFFEE FOR OBTAINING THE LATTER FOR US. BOTH HAVE BEEN MAILED TO YOU AND YOU SHOULD HAVE THEM BY NOW. THERE IS NOTHING IN VIEW FOR NEXT MONTH, BUT YOU CAN NEVER TELL AS WE'RE CONSTANTLY SEARCHING AND WRITING FOR TOKENS. THANKS FOR ALL THE NICE CHRISTMAS CARDS; HOPE YOU ALL HAD PLEASANT HOLIDAYS. ALSO WISHING THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING YOU ALL LOTS OF NICE TOKENS.

I SHALL SOON BE DISPOSING OF MY SECOND COLLECTION. THOSE INTERESTED ARE INVITED TO SEND ME COMPLETE WANT-LISTS ON 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11 PAPER. ALL TOKENS WILL BE SOLD AT CATALOGUE PLUS POSTAGE & INSURANCE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. CAN BE OF GREAT HELP TO YOU NEWER COLLECTORS, BUT ALL LISTS INVITED. WILL START TO DISPOSE OF THE COLLECTION AROUND THE END OF THIS MONTH SO BE SURE TO GET THOSE LISTS TO ME.

THE SEATTLE MONORAIL WILL BE COMPLETED THIS DECEMBER, AT A COST OF \$4.2 MILLION. IT WILL BE 1.1 MILES LONG, WITH 2 4-CAR TRAINS MANUFACTURED IN GERMANY. TOP SPEED WILL BE 65 MPH.

JANUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

ALASKAJUNEAU 400 (REPORTED BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.)
CHANNEL BUS LINE

B o A 21 Sd GOOD FOR ONE 10¢ FARE \$2.50

ARKANSASARKADELPHIA 15 (REPORTED BY MAX M. SCHWARTZ)
SLOAN & GREENE GOOD FOR 1 FAREB o B 23 Sd (BLANK)[ON OBVERSE THE WORDS "SLOAN & GREENE"
/AND "FARE" ARE INCUSE] 3.50MINNESOTAMAPLEWOOD 520 (REPORTED BY QUINCY A. LAFLIN)
ARCHBISHOP MURRAY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOLA A 20 Sd BUS SPECIAL PASS .15
B B 20 Sd BUS PASS .15

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

WE HAVE A LEAN MONTH FOR THE FIRST ISSUE OF 1961. Mr. COFFEE HAS AN ARTICLE ELSEWHERE ABOUT THE ALASKA TOKEN. THE DEPOTEL FROM ARKADELPHIA IS OWNED BY A FRIEND OF Mr. SCHWARTZ, AND OBVIOUSLY WAS USED MANY YEARS AGO. NEXT WE COME TO A PAIR OF SCHOOL TOKENS FROM MAPLEWOOD, MINN., A SUBURB OF MINNEAPOLIS. PREVIOUS TO THE SCHOOL TERM WHICH STARTED IN SEPTEMBER, 1960, THE SCHOOLS WERE SERVED BY BUSES OF THE TWIN CITY TRANSIT Co., BUT THE SERVICE PROVED UNPROFITABLE DUE TO THE DISTANCE TRAVELED. BUS SERVICE WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE OAKDALE TRANSIT Co., OR THE ST. PAUL & SUBURBAN BUS Co. THERE ARE TWO SCHOOLS, ONE FOR BOYS AND ONE FOR GIRLS. THE ALUMINUM TOKEN IS USED BY THE GIRLS' SCHOOL; THE BRASS ONE BY THE BOYS' SCHOOL. TOKENS ARE SOLD AT THE SCHOOLS AT 2 FOR 25¢, NO CASH ACCEPTED ON THE BUSES. ONE TOKEN IS GOOD FOR A CERTAIN DISTANCE; FOR A LONGER DISTANCE TWO TOKENS ARE NECESSARY. SO FAR Mr. LAFLIN HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ACQUIRE A SUPPLY OF THESE TOKENS FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE, BUT IF AND WHEN HE DOES THEY WILL BE SENT TO N.I.S. MEMBERS. THESE LAST TWO TOKENS MAKE FOUR NEW TOKENS PLACED IN USE THIS LAST SCHOOL YEAR, WHICH STARTED IN SEPTEMBER, SO PERHAPS THERE ARE OTHERS IN CITIES WHICH NO ONE HAS CHECKED.

THE FIRST OF THE YEAR LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY RAISED FARES TO 25¢ OR 2 TOKENS FOR 45¢. AT THE SAME TIME THEY ALSO PUBLISHED A NOTICE THAT OLD TOKENS OF THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RY., LOS ANGELES TRANSIT LINES, LOS ANGELES RY., AND ASBURY RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM, MUST BE TURNED IN FOR REDEMPTION BY JANUARY 31, 1961, OR THEY WILL NO LONGER REDEEM THEM AT ANY PRICE. SO ALL L.A. TOKENS ARE OBSOLETE EXCEPT 450 K.

ST. LOUIS HAS ALSO INCREASED THEIR FARES TO 25¢ STRAIGHT AND TOKENS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED AS FARES. TOKENS WILL BE REDEEMED UP TO JANUARY 14, THEN ON JANUARY 15 THEIR ZONE FARES FOR 2ND ZONE, ETC., WILL BE INCREASED FROM 5¢ TO 7¢, OR 4 TOKENS FOR 25¢. SO THE WAY IT LOOKS, THE TOKENS THAT SOLD 4/90 UP TO JANUARY 1 WILL BE USED AS 4/25 TOKENS, AND IF NOT REDEEMED BY JANUARY 14, THEY WILL THEN ONLY BE WORTH 4/25. THIS SEEMS TO BE A GOOD WAY FOR A COMPANY TO MAKE MONEY!

THE CHANNEL BUS LINE TOKEN OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.

I FIRST LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS TOKEN AT THE A.N.A. CONVENTION IN BOSTON IN AUGUST. KEN BRESSETT OF WHITMAN PUBLICATIONS SHOWED ME A PHOTOGRAPH OF IT, AND INFORMED ME THAT IT WAS OWNED BY A LADY IN JUNEAU, ALASKA. I WROTE HER, AND AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF CORRESPONDENCE, THE LADY CONSENTED TO LET ME PURCHASE THE TOKEN. SHE ALSO HAD SOME INFORMATION ON A NUMBER OF ALASKA TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, WHICH SHE SENT ME. AS TO THE CHANNEL BUS LINE TOKEN, SHE WROTE THE FOLLOWING:

"THE CHANNEL BUS LINE TOKEN WAS USED IN JUNEAU. I HAVE HAD AN AWFUL TIME TRYING TO LEARN ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT IT. THE BUS LINE WAS STARTED SOMETIME BETWEEN 1933 AND 1935. SINCE THEN IT HAS SOMETIMES BEEN DIVIDED INTO 3 COMPANIES, THEN BACK TO ONE AND TWO. IT HAS CHANGED HANDS SO MANY TIMES THAT NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW WHO ALL HAS OWNED IT. AS NEAR AS I CAN DETERMINE, IT WAS FIRST STARTED BY A MAN WHO IS NO LONGER HERE, AND HE USED THESE TOKENS WHEN HE FIRST STARTED, BUT SHORTLY THEREAFTER HE CHANGED TO PAPER TICKETS. SCRIPT BOOKS WERE ALSO USED AT ONE TIME, AND TICKETS GOOD FOR ONE MONTH AND PUNCHED FOR EACH USE. THERE WERE ALSO SPECIAL TICKET BOOKS ISSUED FOR CHILDREN. WHEN THEY HAD A "GLACIER HIGHWAY LINE," PAPER TICKETS WERE USED AND PUNCHED FOR THE DESTINATION THE PASSENGER WANTED."

SO FAR THE ONE I OBTAINED FROM THE LADY IS THE ONLY SPECIMEN OF THE TOKEN KNOWN TO EXIST. I DO NOT BELIEVE MANY OF THEM WILL EVER TURN UP.

PITTSBURGH RAILWAYS HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION TO ABANDON ITS MT. WASHINGTON INCLINED PLANE....DELAWARE COACH CO. OF WILMINGTON HAS UPPED FARES FROM 20¢ TO 23¢, TOKENS FROM 5/95 TO 5/1.10....PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN TRANSP. CO. OF UPPER DARBY HAS UPPED ITS CASH FARE FROM 20¢ TO 23¢, AND PUT A 4/85 TOKEN INTO USE....YOUNGSTOWN TRANSIT CO. (OHIO) HAS UPPED FARE TO 28¢ WITH 25¢ TOKENS....ST. JOHN TRANSPORTATION CO. OF DAYTON, O., HAS BEEN GRANTED FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A BUS LINE AT HAMILTON, O., WITH FARES AT 25¢ STRAIGHT.

THE FARE BOX

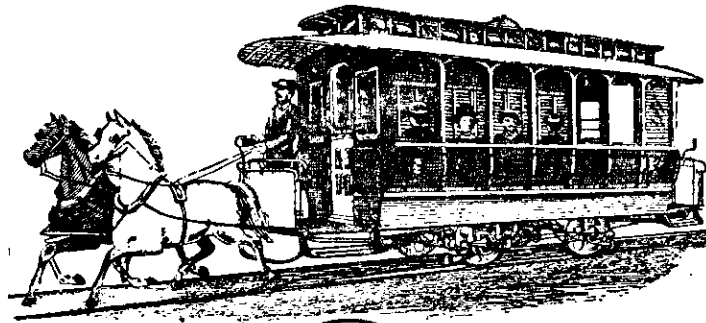
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THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE UNLESS YOU HAVE PAID YOUR \$3 1961 A.V.A. DUES BY MARCH 1. ON THAT DATE, THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID WILL BE DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP. SO IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID UP YET, PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY. DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT WILL PROBABLY BE THE MOST EXCITING YEAR IN THE HISTORY OF TOKEN COLLECTING. SEND YOUR \$3 TO DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE IS AN EXCELLENT ARTICLE ABOUT THE GATE AND BRIDGE TOLL TOKENS OF GERMANY. THIS ARTICLE REPRESENTS EXHAUSTIVE RESEARCH ON THE PART OF ITS AUTHOR, MR. BINGEN OF TILBURG, HOLLAND. THE ARTICLE SHEDS LIGHT ON A WHOLE SERIES OF TOKENS PREVIOUSLY NEGLECTED IN AMERICA. WE LEARN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE OLDEST TRANSPORTATION TOKEN IS OVER 400 YEARS OLD! IT WAS ISSUED IN 1549 FOR USE ON A TOLL BRIDGE IN REGENSBURG, GERMANY. OUR HORSECAR AND DEPOTEL TOKENS ARE YOUNGSTERS COMPARED WITH THAT ONE!

EARLIER THIS MONTH WE MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS A LARGE PACKAGE CONTAINING 43 PAGES OF THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT, LET THE EDITOR KNOW IMMEDIATELY. IF SOME OF THE PAGE NUMBERS IN ENGLAND AND SWEDEN SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SKIPPED THAT IS NEVERTHELESS THE WAY I RECEIVED THEM, AND PRESUMABLY THEY HAVE BEEN PURPOSELY OMITTED TO MAKE ROOM FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ADDITIONS. WE EXPECT TO FINISH UP THE FOREIGN LIST THIS YEAR AND, IF WE ARE LUCKY, BY THE BEGINNING OF THE SUMMER. WE ALSO HOPE TO BE SENDING YOU MORE PAGES OF THE VARIETIES LIST BEFORE LONG.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

NEW ADDITIONS FOR WHICH I BELIEVE COMMENDATION IS IN ORDER: YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THE NEW FORM YOU RECEIVED CALLING FOR ANNUAL DUES. THIS FORM WAS MADE UP AND CONTRIBUTED BY YOUR GOOD SECRETARY GRATIS. ALSO HE IS CONTRIBUTING A CELLOPHANE-ENCLOSED LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARD VERY SHORTLY. THANKS, DAN.

WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COMPLY WITH YOUR REQUESTS FOR A.V.A. LETTERHEADS FOR MEMBERS' USE DUE TO EXPENSE INVOLVED. HOWEVER, THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF OUR GOOD EDITOR YOU MAY NOW OBTAIN A LARGE OR SMALL RUBBER STAMP WITH IMPRINT OF OUR NEW SEAL FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE. THANKS, JOHN.

QUINCY A. LAFLIN HAS ACCEPTED THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE COMING ELECTION, PLUS HELPING WITH DETAILS IN PREPARATION FOR OUR AUGUST CONVENTION. THANKS, QUINCY. JULIUS A. KURTZ HAS ACCEPTED THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND REPORTS PROGRESS. THANKS J.A. FLOYD O. BARNETT REPORTS HE HAS CORRALLED A GOOD NUMBER OF THE MINNESOTA BOYS AND ALL ARE HARD AT WORK IN PREPARATION FOR THE COMING CONVENTION. THANKS, FLOYD.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION, TO BE HELD AUGUST 5-6 IN THE EVERGREEN ROOM, CURTIS HOTEL, 10TH & THIRD AVENUE SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

IT NOW BECOMES MY DUTY TO ISSUE A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR A.V.A. OFFICERS, AS PER ARTICLE VII OF OUR CONSTITUTION. NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE BY ANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. ALL NOMINATIONS SHALL BE IN WRITING AND WHEN SIGNED SHALL BE SENT TO OUR SECRETARY, DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA. NOMINATIONS SHALL CLOSE MIDNIGHT, APRIL 30, 1961. RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FARE BOX. THIS IS ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF A FREE NATION. IF YOU WISH TO VOTE USE YOUR GOD-GIVEN PRIVILEGE WELL AND WITHOUT DELAY.

- F. GORDON SMITH, PRESIDENT.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., HAS UPPED FARES FROM 17c TO 20c AND TOKENS FROM 6/\$1 TO 5/90....SAVANNAH, GA., TOKEN RIDERS NOW MUST PAY 3¢ EXTRA FOR TRANSFERS, WHEREAS THOSE PAYING THE 15¢ CASH FARE CAN GET FREE TRANSFERS (TOKENS 2/25)....HTB LINE HAS RAISED THE FARE ON ITS BEAVER FALLS-PATTERSON HTS. RUN FROM 15c TO 18c AND INSTITUTED A 3/50 TOKEN (WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE A NEW ISSUE).

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

- 353 C. HOWARD JONES - R.D. #1, Box 293 - MURRYSVILLE, PENNA.
AGE 43; ELECTRICAL ENGR. COLLECTING 1 YEAR; 250 TOKENS
- 354 HEINRICH PILARTZ - 16 KLINGELPUTZ - COLOGNE, GERMANY
AGE 62; COIN DEALER.
- 355 DWIGHT A. SAFFORD - 4043 42ND ST. - SAN DIEGO 5, CALIF.
RETIRED PHOTOGRAPHER. 200 TOKENS.
- 356 THOMAS M. HESS - 233 CHAMBASBURG ST. - GETTYSBURG, PA.
AGE 29; CABINET MAKER. COLLECTING 6 MOS., 50 TOKENS.
- 357 GEORGE H. SANDERS - 1570 So. QUIETO CT. - DENVER 23, COLO.
AGE 53; CHECKER. COLLECTING 3 YEARS; 200 TOKENS.
- 358 THOMAS A. DOMHOFF - 11 NORWOOD ST. - ROCHESTER 7, N.Y.
AGE 38; ACCOUNTANT. 20 TOKENS.

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FRISBEE 357; DiMICHAEL 358.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

NOTHING TO SEND YOU THIS MONTH ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SEVERAL
TOKENS PENDING. SEEMS THE COMPANIES THAT HAVE THE TOKENS WE
WANT WON'T ANSWER MY LETTERS, WHEREAS COMPANIES THAT DON'T HAVE
NEW ISSUES ANSWER RIGHT AWAY; SO ON AND ON IT GOES, BUT WE'LL
KEEP PLUGGING AWAY. STILL WORKING ON THE GSA TOKENS. MR.
FRISBEE IS TRYING, WITH LITTLE LUCK. SEEMS THE ONLY WAY THESE
TOKENS CAN BE PURCHASED IS BY AN EMPLOYEE OF GSA, AND YOU MUST
SHOW IDENTIFICATION WHEN BUYING THEM (ANYONE WORK FOR GSA?)
IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WORKS FOR GSA MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US.
THIS MONTH WE WELCOME 2 NEW MEMBERS TO N.I.S., HARVEY S. BERN-
STEIN AND GEORGE W. DIEHL. WELCOME!

- JOHN G. NICOLosi

FEBRUARY MEETING OF CALIFORNIA CLUB

FOR THE 22ND SESSION THE ASSN. OF CALIF. TRANSP. TOKEN
COLLECTORS MET AGAIN AT LAKEWOOD. THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:
K. SMITH, R. SMITH, ATWOOD, VON BOLTENSTERN, BURNS, CUTLER.
MR. VON BOLTENSTERN INFORMED US THERE WOULD BE ON HOBBY SHOW
AT THIS TIME AND THE TOKEN DISPLAY HELD OFF UNTIL SOME OTHER
TIME. ROLAND ATWOOD LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE WILL BE RETIRED
AS OF THE LAST OF MARCH AND SHOULD DO SOME TRAVELING, AND HOPES
TO MAKE THE AUGUST CONVENTION OF THE A.V.A. AT MINNEAPOLIS.
AGAIN, AS A REMINDER, THE 1961 DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED BY
YOUR SECRETARY. THE USUAL EXCHANGE AND SALE OF TOKENS TOOK
PLACE AFTERWARDS AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:45 P.M.
WITH A REMINDER THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 9. MAKE
PLANS TO ATTEND.

- EDWARD M. CUTLER.

I AM NOW IN A POSITION TO OFFER SOME ONE HUNDRED FULL SETS OF SPARES OF DIFFERENT CITIES WITH VARIETIES. IN SOME CASES THERE MAY BE ONE OF SET MISSING BUT ALL TO BE OFFERED AS SETS NO SINGLES. YOUR CHANCE TO OBTAIN THAT TOKEN YOU ARE MISSING PLUS A SPARE OR TWO. MAKE YOUR SELECTION HIGHEST BID TAKES ONE SET OR ALL.

F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE RD. - QUINCY 69, MASS.

AUCTION, DEADLINE 1 WEEK AFTER YOU RECEIVE THE FARE BOX:

ALA 40 A B, 750 A, 840 A; ALASKA 300 H, 450 F; ARIZ 640 A; ARK 190 A, 435 B, 450 A, 975 A; CAL 100 A C, 205 C, 300 G, 450 I, 625 B, 630 A, 945 D, 950 B, 975 A; COLO 140 C; CONN 85 C D, 525 A, 560 I; DEL 900 A; DC 500 H I J K; FLA 300 A D; GA 20 A, 60 I; IDA 100 E M O, 380 B, 440 B F G, 640 A B.

JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO STREET - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

XEROX COPIES FOR SALE. ADAMS "UNITED STATES STORE CARDS" 1920 EDITION, \$10. BRETON "POPULAR ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO CANADIAN COINS & MEDALS" 1912 EDITION, \$12.50. BUSHNELL, "TRADESMEN'S CARDS, POLITICAL TOKENS, ELECTION MEDALS ETC." 1858 EDITION, \$11. THESE ARE XEROX PRINTS, PAPER BOUND, OF THE ORIGINAL BOOKS PRESENTLY IN THE A.N.A. LIBRARY. POSTPAID CASH WITH ORDER. ALLOW 8-10 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY.

FOSTER B. POLLACK - 1841 BROADWAY, RM 808 - NEW YORK 18, N.Y.

WANTED FOR MY OWN COLLECTION: HAWAIIAN TRANSPORTATION, PLANTATION AND SALOON TOKENS.

GORDON MEDCALF - MASON BUILDING - BELLINGHAM, WASH.

WANTED: GERMAN TOKENS.

CHARLES KOENIG - 1910 GEORGE STREET - CHICAGO 13, ILL.

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J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

FOR SALE AT CATALOG PLUS STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE: KANSAS 820 D. ONE TO A COLLECTOR; HAVE 47 DEALS. WILLING TO SEND A MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RR STOCK CERTIFICATE ON APPROVAL, JUST ASK! =JON A. HEIM - 551½ E. ALCOTT ST. - PHILADELPHIA 20, PA.

FOR SALE AT CATALOG: PA 25 A,B,C,D; 320 A; VA 600 A,B,D,F,I,J, L. ALSO A NUMBER OF OTHERS AT 15¢. LIST AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

RALPH A. HINDE - 225-30 106 AVE., QUEENS VIL. - JAMAICA 29, N.Y.

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FOR SALE AT CATALOG: ALASKA 450 A H; FLA 370 A, 530 H; NJ 885 A; NY 629 C F; NC 960 A; ND 960 A; PA 25 D, 70 A B, 775 B; WASH 80 I; DC 500 AD; MEXICO 6 A.

A.A. GIBBONS - 300 LENOX ROAD - BROOKLYN 26, N.Y.

WANTED: JANUARY THRU APRIL, AND OCTOBER, 1958, THE FARE BOX.

ROBERT R. KELLEY - 3108 WOOSTER PLACE - CINCINNATI 11, OHIO

= GATE AND TOLL TOKENS OF EUROPE =
BY F.J. BINGEN

IN EUROPE ALL CITIES, EVEN SMALLER ONES, HAD TO DEFEND THEMSELVES IN THE MIDDLE AGES AND AFTERWARDS AGAINST ALL SORTS OF ENEMIES. IT THEREFORE BECAME USUAL TO WALL IN THE CITIES AND AT THE MAIN ENTRANCES THERE WERE BUILT GATES, SOMETIMES VERY LARGE. THESE GATES WERE ALWAYS CLOSED AT NIGHT, AND DURING THE NIGHT FROM THEIR TOWERS THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS CLOSELY OBSERVED OUT OF FEAR OF AN ATTACK. AFTER TWILIGHT NO STRANGER COULD ENTER THE TOWN, AND EVEN FOR CITIZENS THIS WAS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY. IN THE 18TH CENTURY TRAVELING BECAME MORE AND MORE POPULAR, AND CITIES LIKE THE GERMAN ONES OF HAMBURG, MAINZ, AND NURNBERG, BECAME MORE POPULATED. IT THEREFORE WAS UNAVOIDABLE TO MAKE IT EASIER TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY AFTER DARK. THE GATES REMAINED CLOSED, BUT FOR THE CITIZENS IT BECAME POSSIBLE TO ENTER THE CITY AFTER HAVING PAID THE SO-CALLED "THOR-GELD" (GATE MONEY). GENERALLY THIS TOLL WAS PAID WITH CURRENT COINS, BUT ESPECIALLY IN GERMANY THERE WERE ISSUED IN SOME CITIES TOKENS TO ENABLE THE CITY AUTHORITIES TO CONTROL THEIR OFFICIALS. INVESTIGATIONS IN THE FILES OF SOME OF THESE CITIES HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE TO GIVE A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION.

BRAUNSCHWEIG. IN THIS CITY THERE WERE 7 GATES, NAMED AS FOLLOWS: AUGUSTTHOR, FALLERSLEBENTHOR, HOHER THOR, PETRITHOR, STEINTHOR, WENDEN THOR, AND WILHELMI THOR. AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CITY, THROUGH ONE OF THESE GATES THE VISITOR WAS HANDED A SQUARE TOKEN, WHICH HE HAD TO RETURN WHEN HE DEPARTED. THESE TOKENS, STRUCK IN BRASS AND IRON, WERE USED IN THE 18TH CENTURY AND BEGINNING OF THE 19TH CENTURY. THEY BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE NAMES OF THE GATES: A, F, H, P, S, AND W. AS IT SEEMS THAT FOR THE WENDEN THOR AND THE WILHELMI THOR THE SAME TOKENS WERE USED.

ERFURT. FROM A 1795 ALMANAC WE LEARN THAT 2 GATES IN THIS CITY WERE OPEN DAY AND NIGHT (THE KRAMPFERTHOR AND THE BRUHLERTHOR). THE LOBERTHOR WAS CLOSED AT 10 O'CLOCK. THE OTHER GATES WERE CLOSED AT NIGHTFALL. DURING THE PERIOD WHEN THE GATES WERE CLOSED, ONE HAD TO PAY 9 PFENNIGS FOR A PERSON OR HORSE, AND 1 GROSCHEN FOR ANY VEHICLE. ON SUNDAYS ALL GATES WERE CLOSED FROM 8 TO 10 A.M. THEN ONLY PERSONS PAYING A TOLL OF 4 PFENNIGS COULD BE ADMITTED. TILL NOW ONLY COPPER TOKENS OF 4 AND 9 PFENNIGS ARE KNOWN.

FRANKFURT. A WHOLE SET OF TOLL TOKENS IS KNOWN FROM THIS CITY. SPECIAL TOKENS WERE ISSUED FOR THE ALLERHEILIGENTHOR, THE ESCHENHEIMERTHOR, THE FRIEDBERGER THOR, AND THE WASSERTHOR. THESE TOKENS HAVE ON THEM THE INITIALS: A.T., E.T., F.T., AND W.T. TOKENS OF A COMMON TYPE WERE USED FOR THE OTHER FOUR GATES (THE AFFENTHOR, THE BOCKENHEIMER THOR, THE GALLUSTHOR, AND THE SCHAUMAINTHOR). THESE TOKENS ARE INSCRIBED WITH THE

WORDS: (FREIER) EINLAS [FOR "FREE ENTRANCE"] OR (FREIER) AUSLAS [FOR "FREE EXIT"]. FOR POSTILIONS TOKENS OF A DIFFERENT TYPE WERE STRUCK. ALL THESE TOKENS WERE USED AT THE END OF THE 18TH AND THE BEGINNING OF THE 19TH CENTURY.

HAMBURG. IN THIS CITY THE CITIZENS LIVING OUTSIDE THE WALLS HAD TO FIGHT A HARD BATTLE TO HAVE THE GATES OPENED FOR THEM AFTER TWILIGHT. ONLY IN THE LAST YEARS OF THE 18TH CENTURY, WHEN FRENCH EMIGRANTS AND OTHER STRANGERS CAME TO LIVE IN THE CITY, DID THE AUTHORITIES DECIDE TO OPEN ONE GATE (THE STEINTHOR) UNTIL MIDNIGHT. IN 1808 THE SAME RESOLUTION WAS TAKEN FOR 3 OTHER GATES (THE DAMM- AND MILLERNTHOR AND THE AUSS-ENTHOR No. 1). MORE GATES FOLLOWED IN 1810, BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1836 THAT THE CLOSING OF ALL THE GATES WAS ENTIRELY ABOLISHED. EVEN THEN, ALL WHO ENTERED OR LEFT THE CITY DURING THE NIGHT HAD TO PAY FOR IT. THE "THOR-SPERRE" TOKENS, KNOWN FROM HAMBURG, WERE ORIGINALLY STRUCK IN COPPER, AFTERWARDS THEY WERE PRINTED IN LEATHER AND IN FIBRE.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE GATES TO THE CITIZENS IS SEEN FROM THE FACT THAT THERE WERE STRUCK IN 1804 AND 1805 SILVER AND GOLD MEDALS, ON THE OBERSE OF WHICH IS THE CALENDAR AND ON THE REVERSE A TABLE GIVING THE EXACT TIMES OF THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE GATES. THE MEDAL DEALER JOBST SCHRAMM HAD THESE MEDALS MADE BY THE WELL-KNOWN BERLIN MEDALLIST ABRAMSON.

HILDESHEIM. THIS CITY IS DIVIDED INTO THE OLD TOWN (ALTSTADT) AND THE NEW TOWN (NEUSTADT). GATE MONEY WAS ONLY USED FOR HORSEDRAWN COACHES. THE TOKENS WERE DIFFERENT FOR THE ALTSTADT AND THE NEUSTADT AND HAD TO BE BOUGHT WHEN ENTERING THE CITY. THEY HAD TO BE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF THE GATE OFFICIAL WHEN LEAVING THE CITY. THE COPPER TOKENS FROM THE ALTSTADT ALWAYS BEAR THE DATE 1609, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE STRUCK AND USED UNTIL THE END OF THE 18TH CENTURY. THE FIGURES, EITHER ROMAN OR ARABIC) ON THE REVERSES OF THESE TOKENS STAND FOR THE AMOUNT OF HORSES BY WHICH THE COACH WAS DRAWN. THE BRASS TOKENS FOR THE NEUSTADT WITH BLANK REVERSES WERE STRUCK IN 1771 AND 1797. THEY ALSO BEAR A FIGURE WITH THE CHARACTER "P" FOR "PFERDE" (HORSES).

KOBURG. THOUGH NOTHING COULD BE LEARNED OF THE USE OF TOLL TOKENS FROM THIS CITY, THE TOKENS THEMSELVES ARE KNOWN. THERE WERE 2 SETS OF COPPER TOKENS. THE FIRST, A SET OF 6 TOKENS WITH THE COAT OF ARMS OF KOBURG ON THE OBERSE AND THE FIGURES 1 THRU 6 ON THE REVERSE. THE SECOND, WITH BLANK REVERSE AND "ST:C:KREUZER ZOLL" ON OBERSE.

MAINZ. THIS CITY HAD 4 IMPORTANT GATES, THE ALTMUNSTER-THOR, THE GAUTHOR, THE NEUTHOR, AND THE RAIMUNDITHOR. FOR THESE GATES THERE WERE TOKENS ALL OF THE SAME DESIGN (THE MAINZER WHEEL ON OBERSE AND VALUE ON REVERSE), BUT WITH INITIALS ON OBERSE (A.T., G.T., N.T., OR R.T.) TO SHOW FOR WHICH

GATE THE TOKEN WAS TO BE USED. AN OLDER TOKEN WITH EINLAS (ENTRANCE) WAS PROBABLY USED FOR ALL FOUR GATES. THERE ARE 17 DIFFERENT GATE TOKENS KNOWN FROM MAINZ.

IN NUMISMATIC CIRCLES, HOWEVER, MAINZ IS BETTER KNOWN FOR ITS BRIDGE TOLL TOKENS, AND THERE ARE 42 DIFFERENT BRIDGE TOLL TOKENS KNOWN FROM HERE. THE FLOATING BRIDGE ACROSS THE RHINE, CONNECTING MAINZ WITH CASTEL, WAS BUILT IN 1659 BY THE ARCHBISHOP-ELECTOR JOHN PHILIPP DE SCHONBORN. ON EACH BANK OF THE RIVER THERE WAS AN OFFICE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE BRIDGE, AND THOSE WHO CROSSED THE BRIDGE HAD TO BUY A BRONZE TOKEN. TOKENS USED FOR THE OFFICE ON THE MAINZ SIDE HAD THE INITIALS "M.S." (MAINZER SEITE) ON THEM, WHILE THOSE USED ON THE CASTEL SIDE HAD "C.S." (CASTELER SEITE) ON THEM. THE TOKENS ALSO BEAR THE WHEEL OF MAINZ AND THE INITIALS "B.Z." (BRUCKEN ZOLL, WHICH MEANS "BRIDGE TOLL"). THE FACE VALUE OF THE TOKENS IS INDICATED IN KREUZERS AND PFENNIGS (4 PFENNIGS = 1 KREUZER). THE TOLL FOR A PERSON WAS ORIGINALLY 2 KREUZER, BUT CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BASEL HAD ONLY TO PAY 1 KREUZER (PROBABLY THE ARCHBISHOP-ELECTOR HAD CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS TO THE CITY OF BASEL). AFTERWARDS THE TOLL WAS LESSENED ALSO FOR THE CITIZENS OF MAINZ AND CASTEL. IT SEEMS THE SMALLEST TOKEN IN USE (2 PFENNIGS) WAS STRUCK FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE HIGHEST CHARGE (1 FLORIN, OR 60 KREUZER) HAD TO BE PAID FOR A BARREL OF WINE!

IN 1793 THE FRENCH CAPTURED THE CITY OF MAINZ. THEY LEFT THE BRIDGE (AND BRIDGE TOLL!) INTACT, BUT HENCEFORTH THE PROFITS FROM THE TOLL WENT TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT INSTEAD OF TO THE ARCHBISHOP-ELECTOR. THE SAME TOKENS AS BEFORE WERE USED, BUT OVER THE WHEEL WAS STRUCK THE FRENCH FASCIS SYMBOL AND THE LETTERS "RF" (REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE).

THE USE OF TOKENS IN MAINZ DROPPED OUT DURING THE REIGN OF NAPOLEON, AND PROBABLY IT WAS DISCONTINUED IN 1816 WHEN MAINZ BECAME A PART OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF HESSEN-DARMSTADT.

KARLSRUHE. FOR THE OPENING OF THE GATES OF THIS CITY IN THE 18TH AND THE BEGINNING OF THE 19TH CENTURY, A TOLL HAD TO BE PAID TO THE "CHURFURST." THE PROCEEDS OF THIS TOLL WERE APPROPRIATED FOR THE POOR. FOR ALL GATES THE SAME COPPER AND IRON TOKENS WERE USED, IN DENOMINATIONS OF 2 AND 4 KREUZERS. THEY SHOW THE CIPHER OF THE CHURFURST "CT" (CARL THEODOR). IN 1836 THIS TOLL WAS ABOLISHED.

NURNBERG. THIS CITY HAS THE MOST INTERESTING GATE TOKENS OF ALL GERMAN CITIES. AS IN OTHER GERMAN CITIES THE GATES WERE CLOSED AFTER NIGHTFALL. ALL WHO ENTERED OR LEFT THE TOWN HAD TO SHOW A TOKEN, BUT THESE TOKENS WERE ONLY ISSUED TO COUNCILLORS. FROM THIS PRACTISE AROSE A VERY ATTRACTIVE SET OF SILVER TOKENS, THE FIRST ONE DATING BACK AS FAR AS 1544 AND THE LAST ONE DATED 1804. ALL THESE TOKENS ARE NICELY STRUCK, WITH THE ARMS OF THE CITY ON OBVERSE AND THE COAT OF ARMS OF THE COUNCILLOR ON REVERSE. BY NOW ALL ARE VERY RARE.

REGENSBURG. THERE ARE NO KNOWN GATE TOKENS FROM THIS CITY, BUT LIKE MAINZ, THERE WERE ISSUED IN REGENSBURG COPPER BRIDGE TOLL TOKENS, THE FIRST ONE IN 1549, AND THE LAST ONE IN 1768. DURING MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES THERE WERE STRUCK, AS FAR AS CAN BE LEARNED, 30 TOKENS, PARTLY WITH THE ARMS OF REGENSBURG (2 CROSSED KEYS) AND PARTLY WITH THE IMAGE OF THE STONE BRIDGE ACROSS THE DONAU, FOR WHICH THE TOKENS WERE USED. IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS BRIDGE THERE WAS A TOWER, PROBABLY WITH A GATE. THE TOKENS ARE NICELY STRUCK AND THEY CERTAINLY ARE THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL GERMAN COPPER BRIDGE TOKENS. ON THE REVERSE OF ALL THESE TOKENS ARE ROMAN NUMERALS FROM I TO VI. THESE NUMERALS DON'T STAND FOR THE VALUE, BUT THEY INDICATE FOR WHICH SORT OF VEHICLE THEY WERE INTENDED. FOR EXAMPLE, NO. II TOKEN WAS USED FOR A HAY, WOOD, OR STRAWCART.

ULM. ALREADY IN THE 15TH CENTURY THERE WAS A TOLL LEVIED ON ALL THE ROADS LEADING TO THIS OLD FREE TOWN. FOR THE SAKE OF SIMPLICITY THE TOLLS ON SOME ROADS WERE LET OUT ON LEASE AND THERE WAS A VEHEMENT RIVALRY BETWEEN THE LESSORS. THE LESSOR ON THE ROAD TO HEIDENHEIM, FOR INSTANCE, ALWAYS ASKED FOR A SECOND TOLL FROM PEOPLE WHO COULD, HOWEVER, SHOW A SO-CALLED "HELFANT," WHICH WAS A TOKEN THEY HAD GOT WHEN ENTERING THE CITY ON THE ROAD FROM NATTHEIM ON WHICH THEY HAD ALSO PAID A DOUBLE TOLL. "HELFANT" IS THE OLD GERMAN WORD FOR "ELEPHANT", THE ANIMAL IN THE ARMS OF THE HELFENSTEIN FAMILY, TO WHICH FAMILY THE TOLL ROAD LEASE ON THE NATTHEIM ROAD WAS LET. SO FAR IT HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND, BUT THERE SHOULD HAVE EXISTED A TOKEN FROM ULM WITH AN ELEPHANT ON IT.

I AM GREATLY INDEBTED TO THE KEEPERS OF THE RECORDS OF THE CITIES OF BRAUNSCHWEIG, FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, HEIDELBERG (FOR KARLSRUHE), HILDESHEIM, KOBURG, AND MAINZ, IN GIVING US ALL THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOKENS OF THESE CITIES. THIS HELPED ENABLE US TO GIVE MR. KENNETH SMITH A PRACTICALLY COMPLETE LIST OF THE TOLL AND GATE TOKENS FOR THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST.

THE LUCKY SEVEN

WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE "LUCKY SEVEN"? YOU CAN BE IF YOU HAVE NOT ORDERED YOUR A.V.A. 10TH ANNIVERSARY BRONZE HORSECAR MEDAL. IF I RECEIVE SEVEN ORDERS AT \$1.04 EACH, ONE LUCKY MEMBER WILL NOT ONLY RECEIVE THE MEDAL BUT WILL ALSO HAVE \$1 RETURNED. NEW MEMBERS TAKE NOTICE: YOUR CHANCE TO OBTAIN THIS COLLECTORS' ITEM FOR FREE. LET'S CLEAN OUT THESE UNCIRCULATED NON-TARNISH MEDALS AND MAKE OUR TREASURER HAPPY!

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FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

MICHIGAN

MUSKEGON 680 (REPORTED BY MRS. MARIE A. JOHNSON)
 MUSKEGON TRAC. & LTC. CO. CHILDS
 R o WM 23 BAR GOOD FOR ONE CHILD'S FARE CHILDS \$2.00

PENNSYLVANIA

LEBANON 545 (REPORTED BY A.A. GIBBONS)
 LEBANON COACH CO. LEBANON, PA.
 A WM 16 L GOOD FOR ONE FARE .15

SOUTH DAKOTA

GETTYSBURG 380 (REPORTED BY JOHN M. COFFEE, JR.)
 JOHN E. SLOAT REAL ESTATE ON EASY TERMS
 /GETTYSBURG, S.D.
 B o A 38 SD GOOD FOR RAILROAD FARE IN PAYMENT OF LAND
 /BOUGHT OF JOHN E. SLOAT GETTYSBURG,
 /SO. DAK. 2.00

TENNESSEE

KNOXVILLE 430 (REPORTED BY R.K. FRISBEE)
 MABRY BELL AVE. & HARDEE ST. RY. CO. GOOD
 /FOR HALF FARE
 V o B 18 Pc 2½ (DESIGN) 3.50

TEXAS

FORT WORTH 340 (REPORTED BY JOHN CLYMER)
 BIRDVILLE BUS CO. (BUS)
 O o Bz 23 BAR GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS) 2.00
 JACKSONVILLE 465 (REPORTED BY SCHWARTZ; LOCATED BY COFFEE)
 JACKSONVILLE LIVERY CO. & CAB LINE
 A o A 30 SD GOOD FROM HOTEL TO DEPOT (Sc) 3.50

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

ONE OF OUR NEWER MEMBERS IN MUSKEGON CAME UP WITH A HALF FARE TOKEN WHICH NONE OF US KNEW ABOUT. IT PROBABLY WAS USED IN THE 1920'S ON THE STREETCARS. WE HAD A 16MM TOKEN LISTED FOR ADULT FARE BY THIS COMPANY, SO THIS WOULD BE A COMPANION PIECE TO MICH 430 F AND G. IF MRS. JOHNSON CAN GET US MORE INFORMATION ON THIS TOKEN IT WILL BE PRINTED LATER ON.

NEXT WE HAVE A NEW ISSUE FROM LEBANON, PA., FIRST REPORTED BY MR. GIBBONS, AND LATER BY SOME OTHERS. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH INFORMATION ON THE TOKEN AS THE COMPANY IS SLOW TO ANSWER LETTERS. FARE IS 2 FOR 25¢ AND 50,000 TOKENS WERE STRUCK,

NEXT WE HAVE ANOTHER OF THE JOHN E. SLOAT TOKENS FROM GETTYSBURG, S.D. WHEN MR. COFFEE OBTAINED THIS TOKEN, AT FIRST HE THOUGHT IT WAS JUST ANOTHER SD 380 A, BUT HE DID A DOUBLE TAKE WHEN HE EXAMINED THE OBERSE MORE CAREFULLY. THIS TOKEN HAS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT OBERSE FROM 380 A; THE FAMOUS WORDS "THE DIRT MAN" ARE NOT FOUND ON THE 380 B. REVERSES ARE SIMILAR. THIS TOKEN BELONGED TO A MAN WHO FOUND IT IN AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING A LETTER FROM SLOAT DATED 1907. COLLECTORS WHO OWN SD 380 A SHOULD CHECK AGAIN TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T REALLY HAVE 380 B. IF ANYONE ELSE DOES HAVE 380 B, PLEASE LET US HEAR ABOUT IT.

A FRIEND OF MR. FRISBEE'S, WHO INTENDS TO JOIN THE A.V.A., SHOWED THE KNOXVILLE DISCOVERY TO HIM. THIS TOKEN, OF COURSE, IS A COMPANION PIECE TO TENN 430 D, WHICH WAS THE ADULT FARE. THIS FIRM OPERATED PRIOR TO 1900 AND MAY HAVE BEEN A HORSECAR LINE.

WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE BIRDVILLE TOKEN FROM FORT WORTH. THE MASS TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORY FOR 1945-46 LISTS THE BIRDVILLE BUS CO. AS LOCATED AT 610 EAST WEATHERFORD ST. IN FORT WORTH. IT WAS AN INTERCITY LINE, SERVING BIRDVILLE AND HALTOM CITY. IT OWNED 4 BUSES, AND ITS LINE WAS 15 MILES ROUND TRIP. THE OWNER WAS A MR. R.L. BEARD.

MR. COFFEE HAD ARTICLES PRINTED IN 4 DIFFERENT JACKSONVILLE NEWSPAPERS IN DIFFERENT STATES, AND FINALLY CONNECTED IN JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS. HIS ARTICLE ABOUT THE LINE APPEARS ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE.

THE JACKSONVILLE LIVERY COMPANY & CAB LINE BY J.M. COFFEE

AS A RESULT OF A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER IN JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE DAUGHTER OF THE OWNER OF THIS LINE. PARTS OF THE LETTER FOLLOW:

"MY FATHER, J.P. HOLLAND, LIVED IN JACKSONVILLE UNTIL HIS DEATH. I AM 69 YEARS OLD. I DO REMEMBER WHEN MY FATHER HAD THIS LIVERY STABLE, AS THEY CALLED IT THOSE DAYS. I WAS ABOUT 17 AND 18 YEARS OLD. WE ALL RODE AROUND IN BUGGIES THEN. MY FATHER HAS BEEN DEAD ABOUT 25 YEARS NOW. HE SOLD OUT TO A MR. BIRD. THOSE TOKENS WERE USED IN THAT BUSINESS, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY."

NOT MUCH CONCRETE INFORMATION, BUT THE TOKENS OBVIOUSLY WERE USED FROM 1900 TO ABOUT 1912, ON A TYPICAL HORSE-DRAWN HACK LINE. SEVERAL PEOPLE IN JACKSONVILLE, TEX., DISTINCTLY REMEMBERED USING THE TOKENS, BUT NOBODY HAD ANY LEFT, SO I DID NOT GET THE TOKEN FOR MY OWN COLLECTION, ALTHOUGH I HAD THE SATISFACTION OF LOCATING IT.

THE FARE BOX

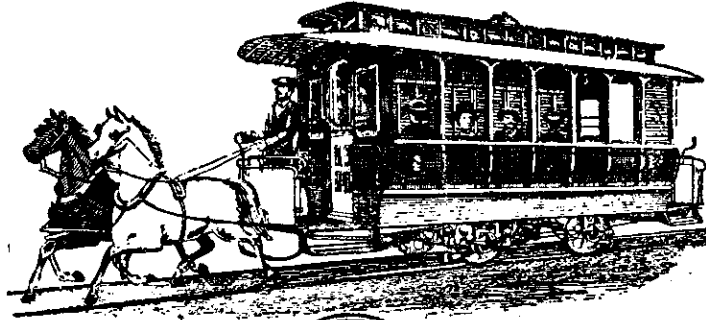
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CHRIS J. COOK

MEMBERS WILL BE SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF CHRIS J. COOK, WHO DIED JANUARY 31 OF A HEART ATTACK. ALTHOUGH HE HAD RESIGNED FROM THE ASSOCIATION, WE FEEL THAT THE NOTICE OF HIS PASSING DESERVES THE CUSTOMARY PLACE OF HONOR ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE FARE BOX. A BELOVED FRIEND TO MANY OF US, HE WAS A FAITHFUL STUDENT OF THE HOBBY TO WHICH HE HAD DEVOTED MANY YEARS. SUCH MEN AS HE HELPED BRING MATURITY TO OUR HOBBY.

SOME TIME SOON WE SHALL BE MAILING TO OUR MEMBERS COPIES OF THE JOURNAL OF THE NEW SOCIETY OF TOKENS, MEDALS & OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY COLLECTORS. THESE ARE COURTESY OF DR. GEORGE FULD, ITS PRESIDENT. WE BELIEVE MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WILL ALSO WANT TO JOIN THIS NEW SOCIETY, AND THOSE INTERESTED MAY CONTACT DR. FULD, WHOSE ADDRESS APPEARS IN OUR ROSTER IN THIS ISSUE. THEIR DUES ARE \$3 PER YEAR.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE WE INCLUDE THE 1961 ROSTER OF MEMBERS OF THE A.V.A., WHICH CONTAINS MORE NAMES THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST. VECTURISTS ARE A FRIENDLY LOT, AND NEARLY ALL OF THE PEOPLE LISTED WOULD ENJOY CORRESPONDING WITH YOU AND DISCUSSING TOKENS WITH YOU.

OUR FRIEND LESTER D. GRADY HAS SOLVED THE PROBLEM OF THE PARKERS LANDING (PA.) BRIDGE TOKENS, WHICH PICTURE A MAN WITH

A PEG LEG. THE TOKEN, HE POINTS OUT, SAYS "GOOD FOR ONE FOOT PASSENGER." THE MAN WITH THE PEG LEG HAS ONLY ONE FOOT. "SOME FOLKS BELIEVED IN PUNNING WAY BACK IN THOSE DAYS!" HE SAYS. SO THE PICTURE IS OF THE ONE-FOOT PASSENGER!

LARRY FREEMAN SENDS US A RUBBING OF AN INCREDIBLE TOKEN, A HUGE ALUMINUM TOKEN EXACTLY LIKE OHIO 175 T IN EVERY DETAIL EXCEPT THAT IT IS $3\frac{1}{8}$ INCHES IN DIAMETER! WE BELIEVE IT WAS A POLITICAL PIECE USED TO ADVERTISE THE CAMPAIGN OF TOM JOHNSON WHO RAN FOR MAYOR OF CLEVELAND ON A 3¢ FARE PLATFORM. BUT WAS IT EVER REALLY GOOD FOR FARE? COULD BE. ANY INFORMATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY COLLECTORS IS THAT OF PRESERVING METAL TOKENS. BRASS, STEEL, AND ZINC TOKENS, AS WELL AS EVEN WHITE METAL AND BRONZE TOKENS, TEND TO SHOW SIGNS OF OXIDATION, OR DISINTEGRATION, WHEN LEFT IN COIN ENVELOPES. BRASS TOKENS ESPECIALLY. PROBABLY THE BEST WAY TO AVOID THIS IS TO PLACE THEM IN THE NEW POLYETHELENE ENVELOPES. BUT THE BEST WAY TO RUIN TOKENS IS TO PUT SCOTCH TAPE, OR GLUE, ON THEM. I HAVE HEARD PEOPLE DEFEND THIS PRACTISE. BUT PAINFUL EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME THAT GLUE AND SCOTCH TAPE ARE DEADLY FOR TOKENS. RECENTLY I ACQUIRED SOME EXTREMELY RARE TOKENS FROM A COLLECTOR WHO HAD AFFIXED THEM IN AN ALBUM WITH SOME KIND OF GLUE. THE GLUE ATE INTO THE METAL, AND I STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO GET IT OFF. SO FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, IF YOU HAVE RARE TOKENS PLEASE DO NOT USE GLUE ON THEM! COMMON ONES CAN BE REPLACED, BUT SOME OF THE CENSUS TOKENS CAN NEVER BE REPLACED.

I SUPPOSE WE ALL HAVE FAVORITE STORIES OF HOW WE JUST MISSED GETTING SOME RARE TOKEN--SIMILAR TO THE FISH STORIES ABOUT "THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY." I HAD AN ACTUAL EXPERIENCE ONE TIME, IN THE SUMMER OF 1952, WHICH STILL UPSETS ME WHEN I RECALL IT. I VISITED THE OFFICE OF ATLANTA TRANSIT CO., IN ATLANTA, GA., AND ASKED ABOUT OLD TOKENS. A LADY IN THE OFFICE DUG AROUND IN HER DRAWER, AND PULLED OUT A LITTLE BAG WHICH CONTAINED FIVE DIFFERENT CELLULOID TOKENS FROM ATLANTA--GA 60 B,C,D,F, AND G. MY HEART BEGAN TO POUND AND I TRIED TO BUY THEM FROM HER, BUT SHE REFUSED TO PART WITH THEM. HOWEVER, SHE TOOK MY NAME AND SAID IF SHE EVER CHANGED HER MIND SHE WOULD LET ME KNOW. THE NEXT YEAR, 1953, I VISITED THE OFFICE AGAIN AND TALKED TO THE SAME WOMAN. I ASKED HER ABOUT THE OLD TOKENS. "OH, THOSE THINGS," SHE SAID, "WE THREW THEM OUT SOME TIME BACK." I GUESS THAT WAS THE CLOSEST I HAVE EVER COME TO A HOMICIDAL URGE IN MY LIFETIME.

RECENTLY I PURCHASED, FOR ONLY A DIME, AN INTERESTING OLD TOKEN. IT IS EXACTLY LIKE PA 750 O EXCEPT THAT IT SAYS "SOUTH- WICK" INSTEAD OF "SOUTHWARK" ON IT. NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. APPARENTLY IT WAS AN ERROR...BUT IT SHOWS PLENTY OF WEAR. CHECK YOUR PA 750 O. MAYBE YOURS IS A "WICK."

= DITTMORE'S BUS LINE OF MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN =

IN AN EFFORT TO LEARN SOMETHING OF THE ORIGIN OF THIS INTERESTING DEPOTEL TOKEN, LISTED IN THIS ISSUE, YOUR EDITOR WROTE VARIOUS PARTIES IN MENOMINEE, AND LEARNED A GOOD DEAL OF THE HISTORY OF THIS ANCIENT LINE. PIECING TOGETHER THE INFORMATION I OBTAINED, I AM REPRODUCING HERE A HISTORY OF THE LINE,

THE "BUSES" RESEMBLED THE OLD-FASHIONED TROLLEY CARS; THEY HAD 2 PARALLEL SEATS FOR PATRONS, WHO SAT FACING EACH OTHER ACROSS THE NARROW AISLE. THEY ENTERED THROUGH A BACK DOOR, UNDER WHICH WAS A STEP ON WHICH SMALL BOYS OFTEN STOLE RIDES. A STRAP WAS ATTACHED TO THE BACK DOOR, AND AFTER THE DRIVER GOT IN HIS SEAT UP FRONT AND OUTSIDE, HE WOULD PULL THE DOOR SHUT, SO HIS PASSENGERS COULDN'T GET JARRED LOOSE, IN CASE THERE WAS A RUN-AWAY EN ROUTE TO THE HOTEL OR DEPOT.

THERE WERE SEVERAL LIVERY STABLES IN MENOMINEE IN THOSE DAYS, OPERATED BY GUSTAVE DITTMORE; SPENCER & RILEY; AND DAVID BARCLAY. DITTMORE'S STABLE WAS AT THE FOOT OF LUDINGTON (NOW 5TH) AVENUE, BEHIND THE BUILDING WHICH NOW HOUSES THE TWIN CITY BUS COMPANY. SPENCER & RILEY NEVER WENT IN FOR THE HOTEL-TO-DEPOT TRADE. INSTEAD THEY OPERATED A STAGE LINE ACROSS GREEN BAY BETWEEN MENOMINEE AND STURGEON BAY.

SMALL BOYS DELIGHTED IN CONGREGATING AT THE DEPOT AT TRAIN TIME, AND THEY ENJOYED EAVESDROPPING ON THE BITTER ARGUMENTS BETWEEN THE DRIVERS OF THE VARIOUS HORSE-DRAWN BUSES, AS THEY JOCKEYED FOR POSITION ALONG THE DEPOT PLATFORM TO CORRAL THE PASSENGERS AS THEY LEFT THE TRAINS. THE MAJORITY OF PASSENGERS ON THE HACKS WERE TRAVELING SALESMEN, CALLED "DRUMMERS" BECAUSE OF THEIR PRACTISE IN THE EARLY DAYS OF BEATING A DRUM, UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN A TOWN, TO "DRUM UP TRADE." HAVING DRAWN A CROWD BY MEANS OF THE DRUM, THE "DRUMMER" WOULD THEN TELL THEM NEWS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD, EAGERLY SOUGHT IN THOSE ANCIENT DAYS PRIOR TO THE MODERN MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, AFTER WHICH HE GAVE HIS SPIEL FOR HIS PRODUCTS.

DITTMORE'S LIVERY & BUS LINE OPERATED FROM ABOUT 1895 TO 1915 OR 1920. IN THE LATER YEARS HE USED YELLOW CABS EQUIPPED WITH METERS. THE FARE ON THE HORSE-DRAWN HACKS WAS THE USUAL 25¢ ROUND TRIP--THE TOKEN BEING GIVEN FOR THE RETURN TRIP. THE TOKEN SERVED A USEFUL FUNCTION. ONE COULD NOT PAY A ONE-WAY FARE. YOU HAD TO PAY A QUARTER, AND THE TOKEN ISSUED BY DITTMORE INSURED THE PATRONAGE OF HIS PASSENGER FOR THE RETURN TRIP AS WELL.

IN THOSE DAYS, THERE WERE ELEVEN PASSENGER TRAINS DAILY THROUGH MENOMINEE, MET BY DITTMORE'S BUSES, WHICH THEN TOOK THE PASSENGERS TO THE MENOMINEE HOTEL. THE HORSES WERE SO WELL TRAINED THAT THE DRIVER WAS REALLY UNNECESSARY, EXCEPT TO COLLECT FARES AND HAND OUT TOKENS. THE HORSES, WITHOUT ANY DIREC-

TION FROM THE DRIVER EXCEPT THE SIGNAL TO "Go," WOULD PULL THE HACK FROM THE DEPOT TO THE HOTEL, TURN AROUND, AND BACK THE VEHICLE INTO ITS LOADING (OR UNLOADING) POSITION. FURTHERMORE, THEY DID THIS WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST JAR, AND WERE SKILFUL IN GOING THROUGH TRAFFIC AND NEVER CAUSED THE SLIGHTEST PROBLEM FOR OTHER VEHICLES ON THE STREETS.

THERE SURVIVES IN MENOMINEE A TRADITION HANDED DOWN FROM THE DAYS WHEN DITTMORE'S HACKS OPERATED. IT SEEMS THAT Mr. DITTMORE, WHILE SITTING IN THE LOBBY OF THE HOTEL WAITING FOR BUSINESS, BECAME QUITE SKILLFUL IN A GAME POPULAR IN MENOMINEE CALLED "SMEAR." HE ACQUIRED THE REPUTATION "OF ALWAYS HAVING THE ACE AND DEUCE OF TRUMP WHEN HE BID 'TWO.'" TODAY, ALMOST ANY "SMEAR" PLAYER WHO BIDS A SURE "TWO" IS DERIDED BY THE OTHER PLAYERS AS "HAVING A DITTMORE."

OIL CITY BRIDGE TOKENS ONCE USED AS POKER CHIPS

BY ROLAND C. ATWOOD

I STRUCK IT LUCKY IN OIL CITY, PA., IN 1928, ON MY FIRST TRIP TO PENNSYLVANIA, JUST AFTER STARTING TO COLLECT SERIOUSLY. I SPENT 4 HOURS IN OIL CITY, AND AFTER SOME DIFFICULTY IN FINDING THE SON OF THE ORIGINAL OWNER OF THE OIL CITY BRIDGE CO., I DISCOVERED THAT HE HAD A GOOD SUPPLY OF THE TOKENS AT HIS SUMMER HOME IN THE MOUNTAINS WHERE HE AND HIS FRIENDS USED THEM AS POKER CHIPS! HE PROMISED TO LET ME HAVE THE WHOLE SUPPLY IF I WOULD PAY POSTAGE AND BUY HIM A NEW SET OF POKER CHIPS. I GAVE HIM \$2 RIGHT THERE. AFTER SOME 3 MONTHS PASSED I RECEIVED A PACKAGE FROM HIM, WHICH CONTAINED SEVERAL EACH OF PA 725 A, B, C, D, E, F, AS WELL AS ONE EACH OF PA 15 C, D, 65 B, 115 A, B, 130 B, D, 320 A, B, 385 A, B, C, 495 E, 515 A, 750 T, 765 J, M, 840 A, AND R. I. 620 A. NOT BAD FOR \$2.00! THESE OTHER TOKENS, HE TOLD ME, CAME IN AS "FOREIGN TOKENS," WHICH HIS FATHER HAD KEPT AS SOUVENIRS.

NOW, IN CONCLUSION, I WILL SAY THAT I COULD DO IT AGAIN. THE UNITED STATES IS A LARGE COUNTRY, AND THESE FINDS ONLY TAKE A LOT OF PATIENCE AND TIME... BOTH OF WHICH I NOW HAVE LOTS OF, SINCE I AM RETIRED.

IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS I HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED SO I DID NOT HAVE TIME TO DO MUCH LOOKING AROUND. I ONLY HAD 2 WEEKS VACATION, BUT ALWAYS WENT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN MY TRAVELS DURING THAT TIME.

LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY HAS INAUGURATED A PLAN WHEREBY SENIOR CITIZENS--MEN OVER 65 AND LADIES OVER 62-- MAY RIDE FOR 15¢ (INSTEAD OF 25¢) FROM 10 TO 3 AND AFTER 7 PM.

PRICES REALIZED AT THE CALIFORNIA AUCTION

RESULTS OF THE AUCTION HELD BY THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS ON MARCH 4 (SEE LIST IN JANUARY FARE BOX, PAGE 7) ARE AS FOLLOWS. (THE FOLLOWING LOTS SOLD AT CATALOGUE VALUE: 1,6,7,8,9,11,12,21,24,26,34,37,38,40,41,48,49,51,53,54,60,61,63,64,68,69,70,71,73,74,75,76,78,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90.) OTHER PRICES REALIZED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

2	\$.60	17	\$.60	29	\$2.80	43	\$.60	57	\$1.00
3	.60	18	1.20	30	.75	44	.30	58	1.45
4	.80	19	1.70	31	1.55	45	1.80	59	.55
5	.40	20	.90	32	.75	46	1.70	62	.50
10	.35	22	1.10	33	.75	47	2.10	65	1.05
13	.80	23	2.50	35	1.75	50	1.45	66	.30
14	.90	25	.60	36	.60	52	2.00	67	.60
15	1.05	27	1.10	39	1.20	55	1.05	72	.70
16	3.60	28	4.10	42	1.45	56	1.00	77	11.10

THE BIDDING SHOWED SEVERAL UNUSUAL THINGS: THE VERY HEAVY DEMAND FOR ANYTHING FROM HAWAII LED TO VERY HEAVY BIDDING ON LOT #77, ESPECIALLY BY PARTIES WHO REALIZED THAT ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT A CENSUS TOKEN IT IS ALMOST ONE. MUCH OF THE BIDDING ON THIS TOKEN CAME FROM OUTSIDE THE A.V.A., EVEN DEALERS. ON LOT 28 THE HIGH BIDDING CAME FROM COLLECTORS WITHIN THE TOP 15 U.S. COLLECTIONS; EVEN IF NOT CENSUS IT IS A RARE ITEM. LOTS 16,55, AND 57 SHOWED STRONG BIDDING. IT SEEMS MANY COLLECTORS ARE STILL WILLING TO PAY OVER CATALOGUE FOR TOKENS WITH PICTURES OF HORSECARS. EVERY LOT RECEIVED AT LEAST TWO BIDS. THERE WAS THE USUAL HIGH PERCENTAGE OF BLANKET BIDS AT CATALOGUE FOR MANY TOKENS.

- KENNETH SMITH

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

THINGS ARE PICKING UP; THIS WILL BE A GOOD MONTH FOR NEW ISSUES. THIS MONTH YOU WILL RECEIVE CONN 210 A, THANKS TO MORT DAWSON FOR OBTAINING THEM FOR US; PA 545 A (LISTED LAST MONTH); AND MINN 50 K,L,M,N, THANKS TO MR. BARNETT FOR GETTING THEM FOR US, AND ALSO FOR GETTING US A GOOD PRICE ON THEM. WE'RE CHARGING YOU \$1.50, WHICH IS LESS THAN CATALOGUE! NONE OF THESE ANOKA TOKENS ARE CENTERED; DON'T FEEL BADLY IF YOURS ARE NOT CENTERED AS 99% OF THEM ARE OFF CENTER. THEN NEXT MONTH WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER NICE ONE FOR YOU. THIS MONTH WE WELCOME JACK NANNERY OF BROOKLYN TO THE N.I.S. ...AND, INCIDENTALLY, I STILL HAVE LOTS OF NICE TOKENS. NEW MEMBERS SEND ME WANT-LISTS AS I HAVE NEW ISSUES FROM 1955 TO DATE AT THE REGULAR PRICE. EVEN IF YOU AREN'T A MEMBER OF N.I.S., SEND ME YOUR WANT-LIST.

WILL PAY \$2 FOR ALASKA 900 A; \$1.50 FOR ALASKA 450 G, OR TRADE A NICE 450 F FOR A G.

CLARENCE E. HEPPNER - 1331 3RD AVENUE - SEATTLE 1, WASH.
AUCTION, DEADLINE 1 WEEK AFTER YOU RECEIVE FARE BOX: ILL 10 A, 100 A, 130 D, 250 J, 475 B, 495 B, 670 A, 760 G, 795 F; IND 330 G, 450 A, 570 E, 930 F; IA 150 A B, 300 G H, 740 C; KAN 250 E, 450 B, 480 B D, 980 B; KY 370 B C D, 510 C D A V A Y B A B C B E; LA 30 A; MICH 5 A, 65 B, 75 I, 360 B, 375 D, 525 K, 635 B, 680 Q, 775 D E; MINN 540 A I, 760 H, 820 E F; MO 440 Q; MONT 80 C H; NEB 540 V; 640 A, 700 Q T W, 800 B; NH 640 E F; NJ 555 A B; NM 40 B, 900 A; NY 10 I, 35 C, 80 A G I J, 230 E H, 280 C, 410 A
JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: 200 DIFFERENT U.S. TRANSPORTATION TOKENS FOR \$20. ALSO HAVE 25 LOTS OF 10 DIFF. FOR 50¢ POSTPAID. WILL ACCEPT ANY TOKENS I NEED AT CATALOGUE IN TRADE.

LEE R. SANDERS - 854 BOURBONNAIS RD. - KANKAKEE, ILL.
FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: ALASKA 300 C D; IND 90 A, 180 A; IOWA 730 A; KY 510 B C; MD 60 I; MICH 470 A, 885 A; NEB 980 B C; NY 780 D; ND 320 B, 600 B; OHIO 10 E L; PA 320 A, 720 A, 750 V, 870 A; TENN 430 A; VA 600 B D F I J; WASH 10 A; WIS 170 D; PORTO RICO 640 A C D. STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE ESSENTIAL. PS: \$19.75 WILL TAKE THE ENTIRE OFFERING.

HAROLD FORD, JR. - 2491 ELLSWORTH - BERKELEY 4, CALIF.
UNCIRCULATED SPECIMENS OF W.VA. 240 B FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE PLUS A STAMPED ENVELOPE.

DONALD N. MAZEAU - 155 BORRMANN ROAD - EAST HAVEN, CONN.
WANTED: THE FOLLOWING TOKENS IN GOOD CONDITION: WILL PAY \$5 EACH FOR ARIZ 680 A; KANS 640 A, 880 A; MAINE 480 B; MINN 230 A B; TEX 320 A; WISC 360 A C; WILL PAY \$3.50 EACH FOR WISC 510 B; WYO 660 A, 810 A; WILL PAY \$3 EACH FOR CALIF 625 A C; VT 150 A; WILL PAY \$2 EACH FOR TENN 375 A B; WYO 480 A.

EDRICK J. MILLER - 694 SENATE ST. - COSTA MESA, CALIF.
WANTED: PA TOKENS AS FOLLOWS, 165 B D E, 415 A, 495 B, 605 C, 750 AT, 755 A, 940 A. WILL TRADE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THE ABOVE, ILL 70 D, 220 B; IND 650 D, 750 A, 960 A B; IA 930 B; KY 45 A, 510 C D.

MICHAEL SUPER - 3647 RAYMONN AVENUE - BALTIMORE 13, MD.
FOR SALE - KANSAS 820 D AT CATALOGUE (15¢) PLUS POSTAGE. ONE PER COLLECTOR. HAVE 43 AVAILABLE AT PRESENT.

JON A. HEIM - 551½ E. ALCOTT ST. - PHILADELPHIA 20, PA.
HAVE 22 OHIO 660 F FOR SALE AT 15¢ EACH PLUS STAMPED ENVELOPE.

LARRY G. FREEMAN - 2427 TORRINGTON AVENUE - PARMA 34, OHIO
NEW MEMBER SPECIALIZING IN PHILIPPINE TOKENS. WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO BUY OR TRADE FOR YOUR PHILIPPINE TOKENS. ALSO HAVE DUPLICATES OF VA 20 A, UNCIRCULATED.

NEIL SHAFER - 314 PHILADELPHIA AVE. - TAKOMA PARK 12, MD.
FOR SALE: CANADA - ONTARIO 675 C, D, G FOR ONLY 35¢ EACH PLUS STAMPED ENVELOPE (THIS IS LESS THAN HALF CATALOGUE!). ALSO STILL HAVE A FEW MICH 515 A AND B FOR SALE FOR 50¢ THE SET PLUS POSTAGE, AND ALASKA 400 A FOR 15¢ PLUS POSTAGE.

J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

FOR SALE: THE NEW TOKENS FROM ANOKA, MINN 50 K L M N - THE SET OF 4 TOKENS FOR \$1.50. THE BUS COMPANY HAS COOPERATED FULLY WITH COLLECTORS AND WE ARE OFFERING YOU THE TOKENS AT FACE VALUE. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE THE BUS COMPANY.

QUINCY A. LAFLIN - 1476 IGLEHART AVE. - ST. PAUL 4, MINN.

FOR SALE: ALASKA 50 A, 300 G, 450 AA HA I; HAWAII 240 C DA DB E; MICH 225 FB, 350 A, 525 E; NY 25 CB, 630 AIB, 690 A, 790 AA AB, 830 CA; OHIO 830 EA, 860 FA L M N; OKLA 640 CA EB; PA 10 AB 65 OB; TEX 50 J L, 810 FB, 950 C; VA 280 A, 500 D F, 580 T, 600 AA AB D F I J L, 620 K, 660 B, 720 E, 730 B; VT 700 A; WASH 50 E, 80 FA FB, 300 RA BB, 480 BA, 800 A, 840 B, 920 A CA; DC 500 CB QA SB TA; PHILIPPINES 500 C; PORTO RICO 640 A CA DA DB DC. ALL AT CATALOGUE PLUS 12¢ FOR POSTAGE.

C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE ST. - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

WANTED: NY 628 A, 629 B D E H K, 631 A, 632 A. HAVE APPROXIMATELY 500 DIFFERENT TOKENS FOR SALE OR TRADE. WILL SEND YOU A LIST OF THEM UPON REQUEST.

RALPH A. HINDE - 225-30 106 AVE. - JAMAICA 29, N.Y.

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

359 SAMUEL GITTIS - 902 ARCH ST. - PHILADELPHIA 7, PENNA.

AGE 52; COIN DEALER. COLLECTING 43 YEARS, U.S. ONLY.

360 HOWARD H. KURTH - 557 NOTT ST. - SCHENECTADY 8, N.Y.

AGE 54; POSTOFFICE CLERK. COLLECTING 40 YEARS.

361 NEIL SHAFER - 314 PHILADELPHIA AVE. - TAKOMA PARK 12, MD.

AGE 27; MUSIC TEACHER. COLLECTING 17 YEARS; 150 TOKENS.

362 IRWIN C. SCROGGINS - 4160 N. 36TH ST. - MILWAUKEE 16, WIS.

AGE 49; AUDITOR. COLLECTING 1 YEAR; 500 TOKENS.

363 THOMAS O. YOUNG, M.D. - 2616 E. 5TH ST. - DULUTH 12, MINN.

AGE 67; SURGEON. COLLECTING 1 YEAR.

SPONSORS: COFFEE (359,360,361,363). DiMICHAEL (362).

= ADMITTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP =

L-314 CLARENCE E. HEPPNER,

L-291 ROBERT R. KELLEY

WHAT ARE THEY? RECENTLY THE EDITOR RECEIVED A COUPLE OF TOKENS TO INSPECT. EITHER COULD, POSSIBLY, BE A TRANSPORTATION TOKEN. ANY INFORMATION WILL BE APPRECIATED:

U.T. CO. (IN SHIELD)

WM Oc Sd 2½ (19mm)

PETERSBURG PIKE CO. IND. 1878 (SHIELD)

Gs 15 Sd WM. HISGEN'S BILLIARD HALL GOOD FOR HALF DIME IN /TRADE AT THE BAR.

= THE COMING CONVENTION AT MINNEAPOLIS =

THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL MEET IN THE CURTIS HOTEL, SOLARIUM ROOM, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., ON AUGUST 5 AND 6, 1961. ANYONE WISHING MORE INFORMATION AT THIS TIME MAY CONTACT ANY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA A.V.A. MEMBERS. THERE WILL BE FURTHER NOTICES LATER AS TO DETAILS. IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO MAKE THIS A BETTER MEETING, WE SHOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HEAR FROM YOU.

FLOYD O. BARNETT - 6048 STEVENS AVE. - MINNEAPOLIS 19, MINN.

PROGRESS ON THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST AS OF MARCH 1, 1961

BY KENNETH E. SMITH

IN ANSWER TO MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST, I SHALL TRY TO ANSWER THEM HERE. AS OF JANUARY 1, 1961, THERE WERE 108 PAGES (54 SHEETS) STILL TO BE ISSUED. LATE IN FEBRUARY, MR. COFFEE MAILED OUT 46 PAGES (23 SHEETS) WHICH LEAVES 62 PAGES (31 SHEETS) TO BE ISSUED. IN MR. COFFEE'S HANDS, OR MR. DAWSON'S OR MR. FIELD'S TO BE MIMEOGRAPHED ARE 22 OF THESE 62 PAGES, WHICH IT IS HOPED WILL BE SENT OUT SOON. OF THE REMAINING 40 PAGES, 20 ARE BEING HELD UP PENDING ANSWERS FROM OVERSEAS. AS SOON AS ANSWERS ARE RECEIVED THEY GO EAST FOR MIMEOGRAPHING AND DISTRIBUTION. IF ANSWERS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, THEY GO EAST ANYWAY, WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE GUESSES AS TO VALUES. ON APRIL 16 THE LAST 20 PAGES WILL BE ASSEMBLED AND ALL SHIPPED EAST BY JULY 1. THE LAST 20 PAGES ARE TO CONSIST OF ALL THE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, CORRECTIONS, AND ADDITIONS TO THE FOREIGN LISTS. IN THIS I NEED EVERYBODY'S HELP, SO PLEASE SEND IN YOUR COMMENTS AND, IF POSSIBLE, RUBBINGS OF THE ITEMS. BY JULY 1 I SHALL HAVE FINISHED THE FOREIGN LIST, AFTER SEVERAL THOUSAND HOURS OF WORK, INVOLVING THE NECESSITY OF READING TRANSPORTATION NOTES IN ALMOST EVERY MAJOR LANGUAGE. SEND YOUR COMMENTS DIRECTLY TO ME AT 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

THE CARPENTERS LOCAL TOKEN OF KODIAK, ALASKA

THIS TOKEN, ALASKA 500 B, CONTAINING NO INDICATION ON IT THAT IT WAS EVER USED FOR TRANSPORTATION, HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SOURCE OF PUZZLEMENT TO US. IT IS EXTREMELY RARE, THERE BEING ONLY 5 OF THEM IN THE HANDS OF COLLECTORS. HOWEVER, MR. ATWOOD TELLS US IT WAS USED ON A SMALL PRIVATE BUS LEASED TO THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY EMPLOYEES TO THEIR JOB ON THE NAVAL AIR BASE. THE BUS WAS ONLY FOR THE WORKMEN, ALL OF WHOM BELONGED TO CARPENTERS LOCAL 2162, AND THE TOKENS WERE ONLY GIVEN TO THEM. THIS SERVICE WAS EVENTUALLY TAKEN OVER BY BROWN BEAR BUS LINE.

CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD 210 (REPORTED BY MORTON H. DAWSON)
THE CONNECTICUT COMPANY (C-sc) CO.

A Bz 16 C-sc GOOD FOR ONE FARE (C-SC) CO. \$0.25

ILLINOIS

GALESBURG 350 (REPORTED BY CHARLES H. LIPSKY)
JOHNSON & FISHER BUS & TRANSFER LINE. GOOD
/FOR ONE RIDE FROM HOTEL TO DEPOT (OMNIBUS)

G o A 33 Sd UNION HOTEL GALESBURG, ILL. HENRY GARDT
/& CO. PROPS. 3.50

MINNESOTA

ANOKA 50 (REPORTED BY FRED ZUBRYSKI)
ANOKA - MPLS. BUS CO.

K	WM 23	DD-sc	GOOD FOR ONE FARE	[FOR ZONE ONE]	.35
L	WM 23	Ht-sc	" " " "	[FOR ZONE TWO]	.40
M	WM 23	Tr-sc	" " " "	[FOR ZONE THREE]	.45
N	WM 23	St-sc	" " " "	[FOR ZONE FOUR]	.55

MICHIGAN

MENOMINEE 630 (REPORTED BY MORTON H. DAWSON)
ORDER YOUR RIGS FROM DITTMORE'S LIVERY GUS.
/DITTMORE, PROP. MENOMINEE, MICH.

C o A 34 Sd GOOD FROM HOTEL TO DEPOT ON DITTMORE'S BUS
/LINE NOT GOOD TO ANN ARBOR BOATS [TWO
/STARS] 3.50

UNIDENTIFIED

(REPORTED BY GEORGE FULD)
T.O. NEWMAN GOOD FOR ONE RIDE MOISE, S.F.
75 A 34 Sd T.O. NEWMAN GOOD FOR ONE RIDE
/(MERRY-GO-ROUND)

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

HEADING THIS MONTH'S LISTING IS A NEW TOKEN FOR THE CONNECTICUT COMPANY. NOTE THAT THIS COMPANY HAS SERVICE IN SEVERAL CITIES IN CONNECTICUT, BUT WHEN THEY OBTAINED A FARE RAISE, THEY WERE ABLE TO GET A STRAIGHT 25¢ FARE IN ALL CITIES EXCEPT HARTFORD, WHERE IT WAS 25¢ OR 2 TOKENS FOR 45¢. THE RATE WENT INTO EFFECT FEB. 22, 1961. SCHOOL FARES WENT TO A STRAIGHT 15¢ AND THEY PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN USING CONN 305 K AS A SCHOOL FARE. STRANGE AS IT SEEMS, SOME OF OUR OLDEST TOKENS ARE THE MOST COMMON. CONN 305 K WAS FIRST PLACED IN USE ON NOV. 2, 1919, SO IT HAS BEEN USED OFF AND ON FOR OVER 41 YEARS! I GUESS THAT WHEN THEY HAD TO USE TOKENS IN HARTFORD THEY DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO GET A NEW TOKEN INTO USE. SO NOW MORT DAWSON HAS A TO-

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KEN LISTED FROM HIS HOME TOWN.

NEXT A TOKEN FROM GALESBURG, ILL. SOME YEARS BACK WE WERE PUZZLED AS TO THE CORRECT WORDING ON ILL 350 A, BECAUSE WE HAD REPORTS OF ITS READING BOTH "DEPOT TO HOTEL" AND "HOTEL TO DEPOT." NOW WE HAVE RUBBINGS OF BOTH TOKENS. ILL 350 A READS "DEPOT TO HOTEL" AND 350 G READS "HOTEL TO DEPOT." THAT IS THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ILL 350 A AND ILL 350 G.

WE ALSO HAVE ANOTHER RARE DEPOTEL TOKEN FROM MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN. MR. COFFEE OBTAINED SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOKEN, WHICH APPEARS ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE.

THEN WE COME TO SOME TOKENS FROM ANOKA, MINN. THIS BUS LINE RUNS FROM ANOKA TO MINNEAPOLIS, AND ITS ROUTE CONSISTS OF FOUR ZONES. A COMPLETE RIDE BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES COSTS 55¢, FOR A 4-ZONE RIDE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME THAT WE HAVE HAD TOKENS WITH DIFFERENT DESIGNS PUNCHED OUT TO SHOW DIFFERENT FARE ZONES. IT SEEMS THAT THESE TOKENS WERE MADE WITH THE OBERSE AND REVERSE, AND THEN IN ANOTHER OPERATION THE DESIGN WAS PUNCHED OUT. SO THE CENTER DESIGN CAN APPEAR IN ANY RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORDING ON THE TOKEN. THIS ALSO BRINGS TO MIND SOME OTHER TOKENS WE HAVE LISTED, UNDER MARQUETT, MICH., WHICH WERE USED AS TRANSFER TOKENS. TO STOP PEOPLE FROM HOARDING THEM THE COMPANY WOULD CHOOSE A DESIGN FOR EACH DIFFERENT DAY. PERHAPS ON MONDAY THEY WOULD USE A HEART IN CENTER, THEN ON THURSDAY THEY MIGHT USE THE HEART AGAIN. IN OTHER WORDS THERE WERE 8 DIFFERENT DESIGNS SO IT WAS JUST A GUESS WHICH ONE WOULD BE IN USE FOR A CERTAIN DAY.

SO IN SOME WAYS THESE TOKENS WERE SIMILAR, BUT IN THE CASE OF THE ANOKA TOKENS, THE HEART DESIGN WILL ALWAYS BE USED FOR ZONE FOUR, WHEREAS ONE NEVER KNEW IN ADVANCE ON WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK THE HEART TOKEN WOULD BE USED IN MARQUETTE.

NEXT A MAVERICK REPORTED BY GEORGE FULD TO JOHN COFFEE, WITH THE NOTATION ON THE ENVELOPE THAT THE TOKEN WAS OBTAINED BY A COLLECTOR IN 1902. MOISE IS THE NAME OF A DIE STAMPER IN SAN FRANCISCO, SO EVIDENTLY THIS MERRY-GO-ROUND WAS LOCATED SOMEWHERE IN THE WESTERN STATES.

IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE ANY MORE REVERSE TYPE VARIETIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. RECENTLY A COLLECTOR ASKED ME IF I NEEDED ALA 220 L. I FIGURED I NEEDED THIS TOKEN LIKE I NEEDED A HOLE IN THE HEAD, BUT IT WAS SENT ANYWAY, AND LO AND BEHOLD I GOT ONE WITH THE TYPE B REVERSE. IT SEEMS THE FARE THERE HAS GONE NOW TO 20¢ OR 2 FOR 35¢ SO APPARENTLY THEY HAVE JUST ORDERED A NEW BATCH OF TOKENS. SO IF ANYONE VISITS A BUS COMPANY THIS YEAR, WHEN YOU EXAMINE THEIR TOKENS BE SURE TO ASK TO SEE THE LATEST TOKENS THEY HAVE ORDERED. SEVERAL DIE VARIETIES HAVE BEEN FOUND THIS WAY.

WE FINALLY OBTAINED THE TOKENS FROM LEBANON, PA., BUT STILL DO NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION AS TO WHEN THEY WERE FIRST PUT INTO USE.

AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING FOR 1961

L-166	Richard K. Atkins	Box 296	Glenville, Conn.
1	Roland C. Atwood	2818 Colorado Avenue	Santa Monica, Calif.
241	Lt. Charles Axthelm	U.S.S. Providence	CLG-6 - FPO, San Fran- /cisco, Calif.
* L-244	Bert Baker	P.O. Box 921	Minneapolis 1, Minn. ←
227	John M. Barnes	Box 605	Idyllwild, Calif.
* 38	Floyd O. Barnett	6048 Stevens Ave. So.	Minneapolis 19, Minn. ←
* 71	B.T. Barraclough	3635 Nicollet Ave.	Minneapolis 9, Minn. ←
46	Harry C. Bartley	7012 Ohio River Blvd.	Pittsburgh 2, Pa.
L-224	Richard H. Beimer	3225 Avenue L	Fort Madison, Iowa
331	Harvey S. Bernstein	811 Central Avenue	St. Petersburg 1, /Florida
82	O.R. Bertram	2111 Swisher Street	Austin 5, Texas
339	F. Paul Biery	505 Park Avenue	New Cumberland, Pa.
272	F.J. Bingen	Ringbaan West 260	Tilburg, Holland
7	Corinne M. Black	1409 Evans Street	McKeesport, Penna.
L- 6	William L. Black	1409 Evans Street	McKeesport, Penna.
207	Willard C. Blaisdell	846 Magie Avenue	Elizabeth 3, N.J.
218	John D. Bland, Jr.	4346 196th St.	Flushing 58, N.Y.
319	William A. Boebel	339 Berryman Drive	Buffalo 26, N.Y.
293J	Larry Bosler	439 Sunnemead Ave.	Warminster, Penna.
279	Fred Bowman	210 53rd Avenue	Lachine, Quebec
348	Elston G. Bradfield	P.O. Box 3491	Chicago 54, Ill.
321	John J. Braun, Jr.	Route 1, Box 198	Caledonia, Wisc.
328	James A. Brown	227 Waverly Avenue	Newark 8, N.J.
223	William G. Bruce	1004 Eastwood Ave.	Ashtabula 8, Ohio
317	Ross Burkhardt	238 1/2 N. Kenmore Ave.	Los Angeles 4, Cal.
41	Richard H. Burns	3865 Brunswick Ave.	Los Angeles 39, Cal.
* 122	Anna M. Butler	731 E. 26th St.	Minneapolis 4, Minn. ←
* 97	Robert M. Butler	731 E. 26th St.	Minneapolis 4, Minn. ←
296	Arthur E. Carlson	335 Wyandotte St.	Bethlehem, Penna.
42	Melvin O. Carmichael	4041 Delaware Avenue	Klamath Falls, Ore.
114	William L. Carr	2648 Pelton Avenue	Akron 14, Ohio
240	Dorothea Case	P.O. Box 43	Brokaw, Wisconsin
L-251	J.A.W. Cassidy	740 43rd Avenue	Lachine, Quebec
198	Robt. L. Chamberlain	332 West 79th Street	Seattle 7, Wash.
* 105	Harold T. Chesney	4653 Ewing Ave. So.	Minneapolis 10, Minn. ←
233	Samuel D.Y. Ching	1267 Kanewai Street	Honolulu 16, Hawaii
28	F.M. Church	700 Seward Avenue	Detroit 2, Michigan
324	Miriam Clark	125 Crandall Drive	Worthington, Ohio
59	Ivan B. Cline	808 W. Illinois St.	Evansville 10, Ind.
281 1/4	John C. Clymer	2631 Alaska Avenue	Dallas 16, Texas
L- 14 1/4	John M. Coffee, Jr.	P.O. Box 1204	Boston 4, Mass.
323J	M.H. Crockett III	705 Sparks Avenue	Austin 5, Texas
215	Edward M. Cutler	11603 Ruthelen Ave.	Los Angeles 47, Cal.
L- 95	Morton H. Dawson	182 Whiting Lane	W. Hartford 7, Conn.
302	Carl A. Dellmuth	958 Baxter Avenue	Louisville 4, Ky.
282	Froster De Vos	P.O. Box 454	Carnegie, Penna.
292	Dominic DiBenedetto	1157 Elmwood Avenue	Providence 7, R.I.
327	George W. Diehl	-	Fort Loudon, Penna.
137	Walter K. Dillow	P.O. Box 182	Byron, Illinois
L- 50 1/4	Daniel DiMichael	P.O. Box 485	Coatesville, Penna.
141	Charles J. Dochkus	3522 E. Thompson St.	Philadelphia 34, Pa.
358	Thomas A. Domhoff	11 Norwood Street	Rochester 7, N.Y.
320	Joseph R. Dunn	3236 Gorham Court	Baltimore 27, Md.

205 Philip Easterly	4442 Storer Avenue	Cleveland 9, Ohio
216 Dr. Herbt. Eccleston	124 Elm Avenue	Hackensack, N.J.
111 William E. Eisenberg	3728 Mayfair Street	Pittsburgh 4, Pa.
69 Dr. M.W. Emrick	1426 Market Street	Harrisburg, Penna.
342 Walter D. Fairfield	9238 Avenue N	Houston 12, Texas
270 Allen Fargeon	6077 Sherbrooke St.	Montreal, Quebec
208 Alexander Faubert	3431 Webber Street	Saginaw, Michigan
L-305 Duane H. Feisel	P.O. Box 83	Turtle Creek, Pa.
350 M.J. Feldpausch	21 Lakeview Drive	Belleville, Illinois
100 J. Douglas Ferguson	Spencer Supports Ltd.	Rock Island, Quebec
157 Alfred J. Ferraro	P.O. Box 146	Phillipsburg, N.J.
54 C.G. Ficklin	283 Isabel Street	Los Angeles 65, Cal.
L-129 Albert Field	20-25 29th Street	Astoria 5, N.Y.
L-124 Harold Ford, Jr.	2491 Ellsworth (#23)	Berkeley 4, Calif.
L-308 John J. Ford, Jr.	176 Hendrickson Ave.	Rockville Centre, NY
192 Olney L. Foringer	2813 Tennessee Ave.	Baltimore 27, Md.
29 Paul M. Fouts	609 Peoples Bldg.	Seattle 1, Wash.
340 Larry G. Freeman	2427 Torrington Ave.	Parma 34, Ohio
L-62 Ralph Freiberg	632 Ashbury Street	San Franc. 17, Cal.
20 R.K. Frisbee	211 King Street	Denver 19, Colorado
242 Dr. George J. Fuld	P.O. Box 6047	Baltimore 31, Md.
171 Melvin Fuld	6701 Park Heights Ave	Baltimore 15, Md.
80 Wadsworth G. Fyler	Drawer 7	Babson Park, Florida
L-24 William C. Gallagher	4125 Madrona Road	Riverside, Calif.
181 A.A. Gibbons	300 Lenox Road	Brooklyn 26, N.Y.
349 Larry Gingras	P.O. Box 15	Richmond, B.C.
L-53 Paul H. Ginther	-	New Holland, Ill.
250 Irving H. Gould	1472 W. Berwyn Ave.	Chicago 40, Ill.
335 Maurice M. Gould	581 Boylston Street	Boston 16, Mass.
204 Lester D. Grady	Residence Park	Palmerton, Penna.
300 Charles L. Green	566 Sherburne	St. Paul 3, Minn.
35 Frank C. Greene	2838 Forest Avenue	Kansas City 9, Mo.
246 Walter J. Grimala	28 Richmond Avenue	Worcester 2, Mass.
102 Frank W. Guernsey	3725 N.E. 17th Ave.	Portland 12, Oregon
352 Robert Harrison	P.O. Box 892	Atlantic City, N.J.
326 A.C. Hazevoet	Charles Leickertstraat 15/111	
	/Amsterdam-West, Holland	
170 Charles T. Heaton	135 Kensington Place	Syracuse 10, N.Y.
322J Jon Alan Heim	551½ E. Alcott St.	Philadelphia 20, Pa.
L-159 L.A. Hensley	P.O. Box 138	Montrose, Colorado
L-314 Clarence E. Heppner	1331 3rd Avenue	Seattle 1, Wash.
356 Thomas M. Hess	233 Chambasburg St.	Gettysburg, Penna.
287 Ralph A. Hinde	225-30 106th Avenue	Jamaica 29, N.Y.
299 Clarence Hiorth	601 Andrew Road	Springfield, Penna.
315 Dr. Mark Hite	6469 Montgomery Road	Cincinnati 13, Ohio
182 William C.L. Hofmann	1684 Dixwell Avenue	Hamden 14, Conn.
147 C.B. Holcombe	49 Clarke Street	Burlington, Vermont
26 Charles W. Houser	734 St. John Street	Allentown, Penna.
174 Roy L. Irwin	430 Steves Avenue	San Antonio 10, Tex.
L-52 Cecil G. Jefferson	8845 Wallingford Ave.	Seattle 3, Wash.
231 D. Wayne Johnson	119 E. Court Street	Sidney, Ohio
L-77 Floyd L. Johnson	183 West Gibson St.	Canandaigua, N.Y.
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295 Irwin V. Johnson	Winchester Road	Winsted, Conn.
341 Marie A. Johnson	1487 Palmer Blvd.	Muskegon, Michigan
353 C. Howard Jones	RD #1 - Box 293	Murrysville, Pa.
294 Orisan G. Jones	457 Elm Avenue	Woodbury, N.J.
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298 Doris B. Kelley	5014 N.E. 25th Ave.	Portland 11, Oregon
9 Ione E. Kibbe	529 Driftwood Road	No. Palm Beach, Fla.
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22 Ralph T. Koller	1135 Bedford Ave. SW	Canton 10, Ohio
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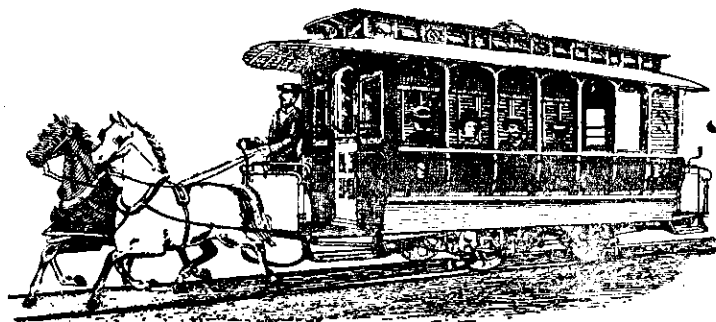
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HERE WE ARE AT LAST! IT HAS BEEN A BUSY TIME, AND YOUR EDITOR THANKS YOU ALL FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THE MAY ISSUE WILL GO OUT BY THE END OF THE MONTH, AND THE JUNE ISSUE WILL GO OUT BY THE MIDDLE OF JUNE.

LAST WEEK WE MAILED TO EVERYONE ON OUR MAILING LIST A PACKAGE OF MATERIAL CONSISTING OF 6 MORE PAGES OF MR. SCHWARTZ' VARIETIES LIST, A NUMBER OF PAGES FOR THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST, AND A COMPLIMENTARY COPY OF THE JOURNAL OF THE NEW TOKEN SOCIETY, COURTESY OF ITS PRESIDENT, DR. GEORGE FULD. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS MATERIAL, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

SOMETIMES WE OVERLOOK SENDING OUT COPIES OF THE A.V.A. CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS TO NEW MEMBERS. IF YOU JOINED THE A.V.A. SINCE JANUARY AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION, LET THE EDITOR KNOW AND ONE WILL BE SENT YOU. ALSO, NEW MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO COPIES OF THE FARE BOX BACK TO JANUARY, AT NO EXTRA COST. IF YOU WANT THEM, AND HAVEN'T RECEIVED THEM, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

MR. BARNETT ADVISES US THAT MEMBERS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE A.V.A. CONVENTION IN MINNEAPOLIS SHOULD SEND IN NOW TO RESERVE ROOMS AT THE CURTIS HOTEL. I BELIEVE IT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO ADDRESS "CURTIS HOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN." THEN IF YOU FIND OUT LATER YOU CAN'T MAKE IT, YOU CAN ALWAYS CANCEL. BUT RESERVE YOUR ROOMS NOW IF YOU WILL BE THERE. THE CONVENTION IS AUGUST 5 AND 6. ALSO, IF YOU WANT THE NEW ANOKA TOKENS, PLEASE SEND YOUR ORDER IN TO MR. LAFLIN IMMEDIATELY.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HAVE YOU READ YOUR CATALOGUE LATELY? WHAT CITIES OR STATES HAVE THE FOLLOWING CENTER SYMBOLS: BH, BL, HT, SH, OR TREES & MTS.? HAVE YOU READ YOUR CODE OF ETHICS LATELY? ONE MEMBER INFORMS ME HE HAS 30 ODD ACCOUNTS STILL OPEN FOR MANY MONTHS. I VALUE MY A.V.A. MEMBERSHIP AND I KNOW YOU DO ALSO. IF THERE ARE ANY OPEN ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE SLIPPED YOUR MIND, CONSIDERATION AND COOPERATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

DO YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MANY ITEMS OTHER THAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS? MAY I NAME A FEW: BADGES, BICYCLE TAGS, BLANK BANK CHECKS, BUTTONS (RAILROAD), U.S. & FOREIGN COINS, ELONGATED & FREAK COINS, MATCH COVERS, PENS & PENCILS (ADVERTISING), POSTMARKS, STAMPS, TAX TOKENS, TICKETS & TRANSFERS, TOOTHPICKS, WOODEN NICKELS. A SIMPLE REQUEST FOR NAMES OF INTERESTED MEMBERS, OR DIRECT SHIPMENT, WILL HELP SOME FELLOW MEMBER. A FRIEND STRIVES ONLY TO MAKE OTHERS HAPPY IF HE CAN...TO REMEMBER THAT WE ARE HUMAN MAGNETS: THAT LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE, AND THAT WHAT WE GIVE WE GET IN RETURN.

- F. GORDON SMITH

NOMINATIONS FOR A.V.A. OFFICES

OUR SECRETARY, DANIEL DIMICHAEL, REPORTS THAT SO FAR THE ONLY NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE COMING ELECTION OF A.V.A. OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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IN OTHER WORDS, ALL PRESENT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN RENOMINATED, BUT NO ONE ELSE. EVERY A.V.A. MEMBER HAS THE RIGHT TO NOMINATE ANY OTHER MEMBER FOR ANY OFFICE.

MR. PAT PROVENZA OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., INFORMS US THAT THE INTERESTING LITTLE OCTAGONAL TOKEN LISTED AS FLA 860 A WAS USED ON THE BRIDGE OF LIONS FROM 1927 TO 1943. TOLL WAS 15¢ FOR AUTOS, 5¢ FOR PEDESTRIANS.

MR. CHARLES JOHNSON OF FRANKFORT, KY., INFORMS US THAT UNIDENTIFIED #44 WAS USED DURING WORLD WAR I ON BUSES OPERATED BY LOUISVILLE RAILWAY, TO CARRY SOLDIERS AND VISITORS TO CAMP TAYLOR, WHICH WAS LOCATED 4 MILES SOUTHEAST OF DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE, KY. TOKENS SOLD AT 6 FOR 25¢.

PRICES REALIZED AT THE NICOLosi AUCTIONS

WE HAVE A CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE PRICES THAT TOKENS BRING IN AUCTIONS, AS THE BEST BAROMETER OF CURRENT VALUES. HENCE WE ARE LISTING THE PRICES REALIZED IN MR. NICOLosi'S TWO RECENT AUCTIONS LISTED IN HIS ADS IN THE FARE BOX.

ALA 40 A.....\$2.85	FLA 300 D.....\$1.00	KANS 480 B...\$0.40
ALA 40 B..... 2.85	GA 20 A..... .70	KANS 480 D... .65
ALA 750 A..... 2.01	GA 60 I..... 4.50	KANS 980 B... 1.00
ALA 840 A..... 2.01	IDA 100 E.... .55	KY 370 B..... .50
ALAS 300 H... N.B.	IDA 100 M.... .75	KY 370 C..... 1.10
ALAS 450 F... 1.50	IDA 100 O.... 1.00	KY 370 D..... .28
ARIZ 640 A... 3.00	IDA 380 B.... 1.00	KY 510 C..... 3.25
ARK 190 A.... .75	IDA 440 B.... .52	KY 510 D..... 4.00
ARK 435 B.... 4.10	IDA 440 F.... .75	KY 510 AV.... .75
ARK 450 A.... .25	IDA 440 G.... .75	KY 510 AY.... 1.00
ARK 975 A.... 1.00	IDA 640 A.... 1.25	KY 510 BA.... 1.05
CAL 100 A.... .75	IDA 640 B.... .50	KY 510 BC.... 1.00
CAL 100 C.... .50	ILL 10 A..... .55	KY 510 BE.... 1.00
CAL 205 C.... 1.51	ILL 100 A.... 5.05	LA 30 A..... 1.55
CAL 300 G.... .75	ILL 130 D.... 1.99	MICH 5 A..... .50
CAL 450 I.... N.B.	ILL 250 J.... .35	MICH 65 B.... 1.50
CAL 625 B.... 3.25	ILL 475 B.... .55	MICH 75 I.... .55
CAL 630 A.... 4.00	ILL 495 B.... 1.15	MICH 360 B... .20
CAL 945 D.... .25	ILL 670 A.... .30	MICH 375 D... .28
CAL 950 B.... 1.00	ILL 760 G.... 2.30	MICH 525 K... .28
CAL 975 A... TOO LOW	ILL 795 F.... 2.00	MICH 635 B... .35
COLO 140 C... .50	IND 330 G.... .50	MICH 680 Q... .25
CONN 85 C.... .30	IND 450 A.... .75	MICH 775 D... .55
CONN 85 D.... .35	IND 570 E.... 1.50	MICH 775 E... .55
CONN 525 A... .69	IND 930 F.... .35	MINN 540 A... 6.10
CONN 560 I... .30	IOWA 150 A... 2.30	MONT 80 C.... .50
DEL 900 A.... 1.50	IOWA 150 B... N.B.	MONT 80 H.... 1.00
DC 500 H..... .50	IOWA 300 G... 1.00	NEBR 540 V... .27
DC 500 I..... .75	IOWA 300 H... .75	NEBR 640 A... .50
DC 500 J..... .50	IOWA 740 C... 1.00	NEBR 700 Q... .25
DC 500 K..... .50	KANS 250 E... .27	NEBR 700 T... 1.15
FLA 300 A.... 1.00	KANS 450 B... .95	NEBR 700 W... .20
NEBR 800 B...\$0.55	NM 900 A.....\$1.50	NY 80 J.....\$0.50
NH 640 E..... 1.75	NY 10 I..... .50	NY 230 E..... .50
NH 640 F..... 1.00	NY 35 C..... .50	NY 230 H..... .50
NJ 555 A..... 1.55	NY 80 A..... 1.00	NY 280 C..... .35
NJ 555 B..... 2.00	NY 80 G..... .25	NY 410 A..... 1.00
NM 40 B..... N.B.	NY 80 I..... .26	

ALL THAT YOUR EDITOR CAN SAY ABOUT THESE PRICES IS THAT THEY ARE INCREDIBLE! THESE ARE THE HIGHEST PRICES YET ON RECORD FOR MANY OF THE ABOVE-LISTED TOKENS. COLLECTORS INTERESTED IN CURRENT TRUE VALUES SHOULD STUDY THE ABOVE LIST CAREFULLY.

CALIFORNIA GROUP MEETS AGAIN AT LAKEWOOD

THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS SAT DOWN FOR ANOTHER SESSION SUNDAY, APRIL 9, AT LAKEWOOD. OF THE MEMBERS, PRESENT WERE FICKLIN, GALLAGHER, ATWOOD, FREIBERG, K. SMITH, VON BOLTENSTERN, ROSELINSKY, CUTLER. AS VISITORS PRESENT ALSO WERE MR. & MRS. MILLER, AND MRS. FICKLIN. MR. VON BOLTENSTERN, PROGRAM CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POST CARD CLUB BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT A LECTURE ON THE OLD MT. LOWE RAILROAD WOULD TAKE PLACE FRIDAY MAY 26 AT 7PM. EVERYONE IS INVITED AND ADMISSION IS FREE. BESIDES THE LECTURE PICTURES WILL ALSO BE SHOWN AND MEMENTOES OF THE PAST CAN ALSO BE SEEN INCLUDING SOME TOKENS. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HAVE THE FICKLINS WITH US AGAIN, AND HAPPY TO SEE MRS. FICKLIN LOOKING SO WELL AFTER HER RECENT ILLNESS. ALSO A PLEASURE TO HAVE MR. GALLAGHER WITH US AGAIN AFTER BEING AWAY FOR SO LONG. GOOD TO HEAR THAT GEORGE WILL BE WITH US MORE OFTEN IN THE FUTURE, AS CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED WHICH WILL MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. WE ALL ENJOYED MR. FREIBERG GIVING ALL PRESENT THE "NEEDLE" WHICH HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS RECENT FIND HERE IN THE SOUTHLAND, AND ONLY SOME 15 MILES FROM WHERE WE SAT. THANKS, RALPH, AND MORE POWER TO YOU. YOU SHOULD SEE US MORE OFTEN WITH SUCH GOOD LUCK. TOKENS WERE AGAIN SOLD AND EXCHANGED AS USUAL. THE MEETING CAME TO AN END ABOUT 4:30 P.M.

- EDWARD M. CUTLER, SECRETARY.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

THIS IS A BONANZA MONTH, 7 TOKENS COMING YOUR WAY SOON NOW. ALASKA 800 A, CALIF 835 I (THANKS TO MR. ATWOOD; AFTER A LOT OF EFFORT HE RAN THESE DOWN.) TO THOSE FAMILIAR WITH WOODEN NICKELS THIS ONE WILL BE NO STRANGER. THEN ALSO YOU'LL GET CALIF 910 B (THANKS TO RALPH FREIBERG), NEBR 540 AA (THANKS TO JOHN COFFEE), AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, 3 TOKENS FROM VIRGINIA, 720 H I J. WILL HAVE MORE TO SEND IN MAY (CANADIAN).

I AGAIN WISH TO SAY TO A FEW OF YOU WHO HAVE DEBIT ACCOUNTS WITH THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE THAT I DON'T LIKE TO KEEP ASKING FOR ANOTHER DEPOSIT, BUT IT SEEMS I HAVE TO. WHEN YOUR ACCOUNT GETS LOW, PLEASE SEND ME ANOTHER DEPOSIT. SOME HAVE IGNORED MY REQUESTS FOR ANOTHER DEPOSIT IN THE PAST. FROM NOW ON I AM GOING TO ASK YOU JUST ONCE, AND IF MY REQUEST IS STILL IGNORED, I WILL DROP YOU FROM THE SERVICE, AS THERE ARE MANY COLLECTORS WAITING TO JOIN. DO NOT LET YOUR ACCOUNT GET LOWER THAN A DOLLAR. EVEN THAT IS REALLY TOO LOW, THE WAY TOKENS ARE COMING IN NOW. HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO MENTION THIS AGAIN.

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TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED CENSUS TOKENS (10 OR LESS KNOWN IN COLLECTORS' HANDS) AT THIS TIME. THOSE UNDERLINED ARE TOKENS OF WHICH 3 OR LESS ARE KNOWN TO EXIST. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENT ARE INVITED.

ALABAMA 120 A, 220 F, 470 A, 560 D I K M O S, 800 A B.
 ARKANSAS 15 A B, 150 A B D E, 300 A, 315 A.
 CALIFORNIA 220 A, 450 A B, 525 A, 575 B, 615 A, 630 C, 715 B C
D E F G, 745 A, 760 A C I, 775 C, 815 A.
 COLORADO 380 A, 760 A, 860 A.
 CONNECTICUT 55 A, 160 A, 230 A, 235 A C, 290 A, 305 A B C, 325 A.
 FLORIDA 230 A B, 310 A, 380 I N U V, 530 A G.
 GEORGIA 60 A B C D E F G, 270 A, 750 A B C D F, 905 A.
 ILLINOIS 95 A, 135 D E, 150 E F G H I K L M N O S A R, 190 B G,
 195 A, 200 E, 220 D, 350 A G, 415 A, 420 A, 425 A, 435 A E,
 455 G, 580 A, 605 A B, 620 A, 680 A, 763 A, 768 A B, 795 D E,
 820 A B.
 INDIANA 20 A, 180 B, 200 C, 405 A, 450 C, 460 A B C G M, 510 D,
 520 A E, 600 A, 610 D, 680 A, 685 A B, 700 B C D F, 860 A,
 900 A, 930 A B, 980 C, 995 A B.
 IOWA 30 C, 75 A, 130 A, 150 C, 180 A, 230 K, 240 A, 300 A B C F,
 310 B, 630 A, 640 B C D E F G H I K L M O P, 660 A, 710 A B,
 740 E, 850 A B C D E F G H I, 880 A, 890 B, 930 A J.
 KANSAS 40 A, 85 A, 120 A, 450 A, 620 A, 680 A B C D, 690 A,
 770 A, 910 A, 970 A.
 KENTUCKY 10 A B D E, 85 A B D, 100 A B C, 135 A, 200 A, 270 A B
C, 370 E, 480 C, 510 B E G M R V W AA AF AI AS AT, 520 A,
 640 A B C D, 670 A, 680 A G I J.
 LOUISIANA 240 A, 470 A, 810 A B.
 MARYLAND 60 B C G O R AQ, 600 C.
 MASSACHUSETTS 115 C D E F G H, 260 B C, 305 A, 550 F.
 MICHIGAN 65 A C E G, 170 A, 225 B, 370 A E, 525 B, 530 A B C D
F K, 560 A O, 590 A B, 605 C E G, 680 B C D R, 735 A, 845 A B
C I, 935 B, 945 A.
 MINNESOTA 50 A B C D E F G H I J, 60 A B, 110 A, 230 A E F, 290
B, 400 A, 490 A, 540 B C D E F, 620 D, 660 A, 730 I, 760 C D
E F.
 MISSISSIPPI 320 A B, 500 C, 620 B, 720 A E F, 900 B F H.
 MISSOURI 130 A B, 160 A E, 200 A B C D E, 350 A B C, 370 A, 640
B, 665 A, 700 A B, 830 B C, 860 A B C, 980 A.
 MONTANA 320 A B.
 NEBRASKA 120 A B, 440 A B, 540 A B C D E F G H I J K L M, 700 C,
 980 A.
 NEW JERSEY 20 A, 290 B C D E, 675 A B C, 730 A B, 945 A, 995 A.
 NEW MEXICO 430 A.
 NEW YORK 140 A B C, 230 A, 285 B C, 445 A B, 595 A B, 629 A,
 630 A B D E G H I K M N O P Q R S T V W Z AQ, 640 E, 890 A B C,
 935 A B C D.
 NORTH CAROLINA 140 A, 280 A B C D, 390 A, 700 A, 950 A.

NORTH DAKOTA 260 A, 600 A C D.
OHIO 10 F G H, 30 A, 35 A B C, 165 C D E F G H I J K L M N O P,
 175 A B C D E F G H I J K L P R S V Z A B, 230 A C D E G H I J
K, 240 A B, 410 A, 465 A, 495 A, 515 A D, 535 A, 590 A, 660 A
B C D, 700 A, 730 A, 745 A, 785 A, 790 B, 815 B, 830 A B, 995 B
OKLAHOMA 330 A B C.
OREGON 160 K, 800 A.
PENNSYLVANIA 15 A E, 115 A B, 125 A, 130 A B C D, 165 B D, 195 H
 315 A B C, 320 B C D, 350 A, 355 A, 385 A B C, 395 A B, 400 A
B E, 455 C, 495 D E F H, 525 A B C D E F G H I J K S, 585 A,
 605 A, 675 A, 680 A, 725 E G, 745 A B C D E, 750 C D E H I M
Q R S T U W A T A U, 755 A, 765 G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T A A,
 770 A B, 785 A, 840 C D, 875 A, 940 A, 965 A B D E F G H,
 975 B C, 985 D.
RHODE ISLAND 620 B C, 700 A.
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TENNESSEE 120 A, 430 C D E J V, 490 A, 600 C, 690 A.
TEXAS 65 D, 135 A, 290 A B, 320 A, 340 A B C D, 360 A B, 445 G
H, 465 A, 555 A, 710 A, 810 A B, 930 A, 950 A B, 955 A, 965 A
B C D F.
UTAH 525 A, 750 A O.
VIRGINIA 20 C, 65 B, 110 A, 350 A, 500 B, 535 A, 580 A B C D E
F G H I J K L M, 600 M, 620 E F M O, 660 A, 700 A, 730 A, 840 A
WASHINGTON 80 A B, 150 A, 230 A B, 590 A B, 690 A, 780 I, 850 A
B, 880 K.
WEST VIRGINIA 20 A, 100 A B, 830 A, 890 A B C D E F G H I J K
L M O P.
WISCONSIN 20 B, 95 A, 170 A, 180 A C D, 250 A, 360 C, 410 C D,
 420 A, 500 F, 510 A C E G J K, 530 A, 600 A, 700 A D, 790 A C
 820 A, 870 A B E, 880 A B D, 910 A, 930 A B, 935 A B C, 980 B
C D E F.
WYOMING 120 A.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 500 G.
ALASKA 300 A B, 400 B, 450 C, 500 B.
HAWAII 210 A H K L M N O P, 540 E.
GUAM 25 A.
PORTO RICO 560 A B C.

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 364 CHARLES F. HUEY - 32 C. PACKARD COURT - NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.
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- 365 Q. DAVID BOWERS - 70 COURT STREET - BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK
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PHYSICIAN; 500 TOKENS. /PENNSYLVANIA

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L-224 RICHARD H. BEIMER.

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= APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
BY RALPH FREIBERG

CALIFORNIA

SANTA MONICA 835 (REPORTED BY ROLAND C. ATWOOD)
RIDE FREE MENC WESTERN 1961 KEYNOTE TRAMS
/CIVIC AUD. - H.S. AUD. EVERY 10 MINUTES
I o Fk 33 Sd DON'T TAKE WOODEN NICKELS INSTEAD OF
/SERVICE GET THE BEST AT KEYNOTE \$0.15
[MENC = MUSICAL EDUCATORS NATIONAL CONFERENCE]

TERMINAL ISLAND 910

TERMINAL ISLAND TRANSIT CO.

A o Bz 23 St-sc GOOD FOR ONE ZONE FARE [EX-CAL 985 E] .15
B Bz 23 T-sc " " " " " " .20

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN 540 (REPORTED BY GEORGE FULD; LOCATED BY J. COFFEE)
LINCOLN S.D.A. CHURCH CHURCH SCHOOL BUS
/GOOD FOR ONE FARE
AA A 26 Sd (BLANK)[SDA = SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST] .25

VIRGINIA

RICHMOND 720 (REPORTED BY MORTON H. DAWSON)
RICHMOND-PETERSBURG TURNPIKE 10c
H B 16 Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE) .15
RICHMOND-PETERSBURG TURNPIKE 15c
I B 20 Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE) .15
RICHMOND-PETERSBURG TURNPIKE 20c
J B 22 Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE) .20

WISCONSIN

MARSHFIELD 440 (REPORTED BY HAROLD FORD, JR.)
F.A. BAUER BUS & TRANSFER LINE MARSHFIELD, WIS
H o A 29 Sd GOOD FOR ONE RIDE TO HOTEL OR RETURN
/F.A. BAUER BUS & TRANSFER LINE
/MARSHFIELD, WIS. 3.50
[Wis 440 H IS SIMILAR TO G EXCEPT THE ARRANGEMENT OF
THE WORDING IS DIFFERENT. ON OBVERSE, G HAS "MARSHFIELD"
AND "WIS." IN ONE LINE CURVED ALONG THE BOTTOM EDGE OF
THE TOKEN; H HAS "WIS" PLACED UNDERNEATH "MARSHFIELD".
G HAS PERIOD AFTER "WIS." ON OBVERSE; H HAS NO PERIOD.]

ALASKA

SITKA 800 (REPORTED BY GEORGE FULD)
BARANOF BUS CO. SITKA ALASKA
A o B 29 Sd GOOD FOR ONE FARE .75

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

SAPANGBATO 700 (REPORTED BY NEIL SHAFER)

CLARK FIELD BUS LINE 20¢

F Bz 23 Sd

RIGHT WITH MAPECO PENCILS 1955

UNIDENTIFIED (REPORTED [76] BY FULD, AND [77] DiMICHAEL)
F.C.I. ONE FARE

76 B Oc Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE)[20MM]

HILL & HORNER TRANS. CO., INC. (50¢ INCUSE)

77 B 26 Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE)(50 INCUSE)

CORRECTIONS TO DECEMBER 1960 LISTING:

ON PA 400 E ADD "10" TO OBVERSE, TO READ
POLTOK BUS FREELAND, PA. 10

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

AFTER HAVING A FEW LEAN MONTHS FOR NEW ISSUES WE'VE COME UP WITH A GOOD MONTH THIS TIME. FIRST OF ALL WE HAVE AN ODD TOKEN FROM SANTA MONICA. THIS TOKEN IS, IN FACT, A TYPE OF WOODEN NICKEL. FOR NOW I'M CALLING IT CREAM FIBRE (FK), BUT MAY BE IN ERROR. WE HAVE NO DESIGNATION FOR WOOD, AND POSSIBLY AFTER SOME DISCUSSION WITH OTHERS THIS DESIGNATION WILL BE CHANGED. ANYWAY THE M.E.N.C. WAS HELD AT SANTA MONICA MARCH 25, 26, 27, 1961. WHEN NOTICES WERE SENT OUT SOME OF THESE TOKENS WERE ALSO MAILED OUT, TO SHOW THAT THERE WOULD BE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES WHERE THE ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE. AS THERE WAS NO DIRECT BUS SERVICE BETWEEN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AND THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM IT WAS DECIDED TO RENT A COUPLE TRAMS FROM THE PEOPLE WHO OPERATE THESE BEACH TRAMS AT VENICE BEACH. DURING THIS FESTIVAL THESE TRAMS SHUTTLED BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THESE TWO PLACES. WITHOUT A TOKEN THE FARE WAS A DIME. A FRIEND OF MR. ATWOOD'S TOLD HIM ABOUT THE TOKENS AND HE WAS ABLE TO GET A SUPPLY FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. THIS IS THE FIRST WOODEN NICKEL TRANSPORTATION TOKEN; MORE MAY SHOW UP IN THE FUTURE.

NEXT A TOKEN FROM TERMINAL ISLAND. WE HAD LISTED THE TOKEN WITH ST-SC FROM WILMINGTON. I EVEN MADE A TRIP TO THE BUS COMPANY ABOUT 9 YEARS AGO WITH MR. ATWOOD BUT AT THAT TIME I WASN'T SO INTERESTED IN KNOWING JUST WHERE TOKENS WERE USED. SOMEONE SAID THE BUS ALSO HAD SERVICE TO WILMINGTON SO NOTHING WAS EVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT. BUT DURING THE PAST COUPLE YEARS I HAVE MADE AN ENDEAVOR TO RIDE BUSES FROM PLACES THAT I HAVE TOKENS. SO, BEING DOWN TO LONG BEACH TO RIDE THE LAST RUN OF THE LONG BEACH TO LOS ANGELES CARS ON APRIL 9, I DECIDED TO RIDE THE TERMINAL ISLAND BUS. IT RUNS FROM THE SQUARE IN LONG BEACH (WHERE PEOPLE WOULD THEN RIDE THE OLD RED CARS INTO LOS ANGELES OR AS THEY NOW HAVE TO RIDE THE BUSES INTO L.A.) OVER A BRIDGE INTO TERMINAL ISLAND PAST THE NAVAL STATION AND THEN ALONG VARIOUS DOCKS, AND ENDS AT THE FERRY TERMINAL (THE FERRY FROM SAN PEDRO TO TERMINAL ISLAND). IT MIGHT HAVE HAD A ROUTE IN THE

PAST INTO WILMINGTON, BUT NOW IT TOUCHES NO PART OF WILMINGTON. SO AFTER RIDING THE BUS, AND READY TO MAKE THE RETURN TRIP, I JUST SAID TO THE DRIVER THAT I GUESSED THEY WERE STILL USING THE SAME OLD TOKENS WITH THE STAR-SC, AND THEN I LEARNED THAT THE LINE HAD BEEN USING A NEW TOKEN FOR ALMOST 2 YEARS! IT SEEMS THAT WHEN THE FARE WAS 15¢ STRAIGHT SOMEONE BROKE INTO THE OFFICE, AND IN GOING THROUGH THE SAFE MADE OFF WITH A BAG OF TOKENS, SO WHEN THEY WENT TO A 20¢ FARE OR 3/50 IT WAS DECIDED TO USE A NEW TOKEN. SO IF ANYONE SHOULD SEE A QUANTITY OF THE OLD STAR-SC TOKENS, THEY COULD BE STOLEN PROPERTY. PERHAPS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OK TO LEAVE THE OLDER TOKEN LISTED UNDER WILMINGTON BUT NOW THEY HAVE A NEW TOKEN IT WAS DECIDED BEST TO MAKE A NEW LISTING AND PUT BOTH TOKENS UNDER TERMINAL ISLAND.

SOMETIMES 23MM TOKENS DON'T GET INTO OTHER FARE BOXES, AND EVEN IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOKEN COLLECTORS GROUP DID MEET IN A PLACE LESS THAN TEN MILES FROM THE LONG BEACH TERMINUS, NO ONE BOTHERED TO CHECK THE TOKENS, JUST FIGURING IT WAS USING THE SAME TOKEN. SO IN VARIOUS FARE RAISES MAYBE 9 OUT OF 10 TIMES THEY WILL USE THE SAME TOKENS, BUT ONCE IN A WHILE THEY WILL COME UP WITH SOMETHING NEW. ALWAYS PAYS TO CHECK.

THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN LINCOLN, NEBR., ALSO CONDUCTS A LARGE CHURCH SCHOOL. THE TOKEN WAS DISCOVERED BY GEORGE FULD, AND MR. COFFEE DETERMINED THAT IT WAS FROM NEBRASKA AND OBTAINED A SUPPLY OF THEM FOR THE N.I.S. THE TOKENS WERE USED IN 1958 AND 1959 AS BUS TOKENS, BUT IN JUNE 1959 THEY STOPPED USING THEM ON THE BUS AND STARTED USING THEM FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES, SUCH AS BOAT RIDES AT PICNICS. A TOTAL OF 1,000 WERE STRUCK.

MORT DAWSON TOLD US ABOUT THE RICHMOND-PETERSBURG TOKENS, AND A WEEK LATER AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN COIN WORLD ABOUT THEM. THIS TURNPIKE OPENED THE SPRING OF 1958 AND IS 35 MILES LONG. AT FIRST SCRIP COUPONS WERE USED AS A CONVENIENCE TO USERS. THEY WERE ISSUED IN DENOMINATIONS OF 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c. HOWEVER, AS THE TURNPIKE USED AUTOMATIC EQUIPMENT TO RECEIVE COINS WHICH WOULD OPEN AUTOMATIC GATES, IT WAS DECIDED IN NOVEMBER 1960 TO USE TOKENS AS CONVENIENCE IN DENOMINATIONS OF 10c, 15c AND 20c. IT IS HOPED THAT THE SCRIP COUPONS WILL BE DISCONTINUED AND EVERYONE WILL USE COINS OR TOKENS, ESPECIALLY SINCE SOME GATES HAVE NO ATTENDANTS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING, IT IS WELL TO RECALL THAT WE HAVE HAD TOKENS FOR THE PORTLAND-VANCOUVER BRIDGE, THE BRIDGE AT CORNWALL, ONT., AND NOW THIS RICHMOND-PETERSBURG TURNPIKE. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT OTHER BRIDGES OR TOLL ROADS WHICH USED TICKETS IN THE PAST WILL SWITCH TO TOKENS WITH AUTOMATIC FARE OR TOLL COLLECTING DEVICES. SO WHEN ANY TOLL BRIDGE IS CROSSED, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF THEY USE TOKENS. LOTS OF US WILL BE TAKING VACATIONS SOON, SO CHECK ANY TOLL BRIDGE YOU CROSS.

THE WISCONSIN DEPOTEL, WISC 440 H, HAS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DESIGN FROM 440 G. IT APPEARS THAT H WAS USED EARLIER. IT IS MUCH RARER THAN G. H ALSO HAS A REEDED EDGE.

THE SITKA, ALASKA, TOKEN WAS DISCOVERED BY GEORGE FULD. IN 1957 CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON THE JAPANESE AMERICAN PULP MILL (ALASKA LUMBER PULP). THIS MILL IS LOCATED 6 MILES FROM TOWN

AND PRESENTLY EMPLOYS 400 MEN. ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1957, HOWARD R. SMITH PURCHASED THE BARANOF BUS LINE WHICH SERVICED THIS MILL, AND IN JANUARY 1958 STARTED TO USE TOKENS ON THIS LINE. TOKENS WERE USED TILL EARLY IN 1960. ONE WAY FARE ON THE LINE IS 75¢, ROUND TRIP \$1.25.

VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE CLARK FIELD LINE, AS VERY FEW COLLECTORS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET AN ANSWER FROM THE COMPANY. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE TOKEN IS STILL IN USE.

F. PAUL BIERY OF NEW CUMBERLAND, PA., REPORTS THAT THE HARRISBURG RAILWAYS IS AGAIN USING BRONZE-PLATED TOKENS WITH THEIR LATEST FARE RAISE OF MARCH 17, 1961. THIS COMPANY FIRST USED WHITE METAL TOKENS IN 1953, THEN ON A FARE RAISE IN 1956 BRONZE-PLATED THEIR TOKENS. IN 1958 WHEN THE FARE WENT TO 17¢ THEY WENT BACK TO WHITE METAL TOKENS, AND NOW THEY ARE BACK ON THE BRONZE-PLATED ONES AGAIN. IF ANYONE SHOULD NEED THE BRONZE-PLATED TOKEN OF HARRISBURG, POSSIBLY MR. BIERY COULD SUPPLY IT FOR 20¢ PLUS A STAMPED ENVELOPE.

FOR SOMETIME NOW TOKENS WITH THE LETTERING JCE HAVE SHOWN UP. WE LISTED A COUPLE OF 16MM UNDER MAVERICKS AND ALSO SOME SOLID 21MM TOKENS HAVE SHOWN UP. I MENTIONED THESE TOKENS AT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOKEN MEETING, AND SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THESE TOKENS MIGHT HAVE BEEN USED FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN TRANSPORTATION. ONE OF THE MEMBERS SAID HE THOUGHT HE HAD HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT A TOKEN BEING USED IN TRAILER PARKS FOR LAUNDRY MACHINES, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. FOR INSTANCE, IF A LAUNDRY MACHINE REQUIRED 25¢, TOKENS WOULD BE SOLD BY PEOPLE IN THE PARK AT A REDUCED RATE SUCH AS 5 FOR \$1. AT THE TIME HE NOTED THE LAUNDRY TOKENS, HE WASN'T INTERESTED IN TOKENS OF THIS SORT, BUT WHEN I MENTIONED TOKENS WITH 3 LETTERS ON THEM HE SAID THAT MIGHT BE IT. SO IF ANYONE SHOULD KNOW OF THESE TOKENS PLEASE LET US KNOW. UP TO NOW WE KNOW OF NO BUS LINE WITH THE INITIALS JCE. IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING LIKE JOINT COIN EXCHANGE.

AS USUAL NOTHING IS KNOWN ABOUT THE UNIDENTIFIED TOKENS, OR THEY WOULDN'T BE LISTED THAT WAY.

THE DUPONT RAILWAY & LAND COMPANY

AS A RESULT OF AN ARTICLE IN COIN WORLD, THE EDITOR RECEIVED SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT VARIOUS UNIDENTIFIED TOKENS LISTED IN OUR CATALOGUE. MR. PAT PROVENZA OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., WROTE IN TO TELL US ABOUT UNIDENTIFIED #56. THE COMPANY THAT ISSUED THIS TOKEN WAS A TURPENTINE PROCESSING AND LOADING FIRM, LOCATED 35 MILES SOUTH OF ST. AUGUSTINE ON US HIGHWAY 1. THE TOKENS EXIST IN DENOMINATIONS OF 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1, AND WERE USED IN THE COMPANY COMISSARY BY EMPLOYEES IN THE LATE 1920'S AND EARLY 1930'S. THE TOKENS DEFINITELY WERE NEVER USED FOR TRANSPORTATION.

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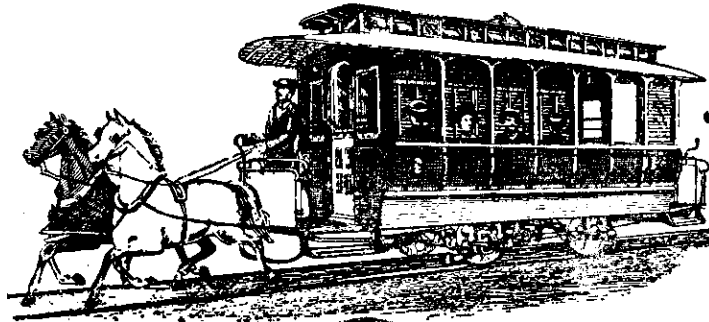
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THE EDITOR LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON STATE ABOUT JUNE 20, SO THE FINAL CLOSING DATE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX WILL BE JUNE 10. HAVE YOUR ADS AND ARTICLES IN BY THEN IF YOU WANT THEM IN THE JUNE ISSUE.

WE HAD A VERY PLEASANT VISIT WITH AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS VECTURIST, ROLAND C. ATWOOD, LAST WEEK. ROLAND IS ON ONE OF HIS FAMOUS TRIPS AROUND THE COUNTRY, SEEING THE SIGHTS AND PICKING UP TOKENS. HE FOUND SOME GOOD ONES ALREADY. AFTER SPENDING THE NIGHT WITH YOUR EDITOR, HE HEADED NORTH, FOR NEW-FOUNDLAND!

THE ADVENT OF WARM WEATHER--AT LONG LAST--REMINDS US THAT SUMMER IS THE TIME FOR VACATIONS AND TRAVEL. MANY COLLECTORS WILL TAKE TO THE ROAD FOR TRIPS IN THE COMING MONTHS. WE HOPE THAT LOTS OF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET TO MINNEAPOLIS FOR OUR BIG A.V.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION ON AUGUST 5-6 AT THE CURTIS HOTEL. IT PROMISES TO BE THE BIGGEST EVENT IN TOKENDOM'S HISTORY. AND REMEMBER THAT "GETTING THERE'S HALF THE FUN." ON THE WAY YOU CAN LOOK FOR TOKENS IN ALL MANNER OF LITTLE OUT-OF-THE-WAY PLACES. THE MIDWEST IS DEPOTEL COUNTRY, AND IT IS CERTAIN THAT THERE ARE STILL DOZENS OF UNDISCOVERED RARE DEPOTEL TOKENS WAITING AROUND TO BE DISCOVERED BY SOME TOKEN-COLLECTING SLEUTH. SO MAKE YOUR VACATION TRIP A TOKEN-HUNTING TRIP. IT'S A LOT OF FUN. AND AFTER YOU HAVE SEEN HOW HARD IT IS TO FIND A RARE TOKEN AT THE SOURCE, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY SOME OF US PRIZE THE ONES WE HAVE SO MUCH. THEY ARE AUTHENTIC BITS OF AMERICANA.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

THINGS ARE STILL BOOMING. EIGHT MORE NEW ISSUES COMING YOUR WAY THIS MONTH: 4 FROM CANADA, 4 FROM U.S., AS FOLLOWS: N.M. 40 G AND H, FOR OBTAINING WHICH WE ARE GRATEFUL TO Mr. WHITFIELD OF ALBUQUERQUE. G WAS FIRST USED APRIL 8, AND H ON MARCH 19, THIS YEAR. N.C. 960 B, FIRST USED IN APRIL 1957. MASS 355 D, FIRST USED JAN. 26, 1961. THE COMPANY IS SHORT OF TOKENS, EVEN THE WM ONE, SO WE HAD TO PAY OVER FACE VALUE FOR THIS TOKEN, EITHER THAT OR NO TOKENS. FROM QUEBEC COME 3 TOKENS, 360 A B C, THANKS AGAIN TO Mr. CASSIDY. A WAS FIRST USED FEB. 13, 1961, B AND C FIRST USED JAN. 17. FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO 400 C, THANKS TO Mr. MCKEE OF BUFFALO. LET'S HOPE THAT NEXT MONTH ALSO BRINGS LOTS OF NICE TOKENS. KEEP LOOKING, KEEP WRITING, KEEP ASKING. ANOTHER REMINDER: PLEASE KEEP YOUR NEW ISSUES SERVICE BALANCE UP.

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ALL A.V.A. OFFICERS TO SERVE ANOTHER YEAR

Mr. DiMICHAEL, OUR SECRETARY, REPORTS THAT THE ONLY NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AS OF THE DEADLINE, APRIL 30, WERE FOR THE PRESENT OFFICERS. CONSEQUENTLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VII, SECTION 5, OF THE A.V.A. CONSTITUTION, THE MAILING OF BALLOTS WILL BE DISPENSED WITH, AND THE PRESENT OFFICERS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REELECTED FOR ANOTHER YEAR. OFFICERS ARE:

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SPRINGFIELD, MASS., HAS UPPED FARES FROM 20c TO 25c AND TOKENS FROM 4/75 TO 4/85....TORONTO, ONT., HAS UPPED FARES FROM 15c TO 20c BUT LOWERED TOKENS FROM 5/75 TO 7/\$1....RED ARROW OF UPPER DARBY, PA., HAS UPPED TOKENS FROM 4/85 TO 2/45....INGLEWOOD CITY BUS LINES (CALIF.) HAS UPPED FARES FROM 17c TO 20c AND TOKENS FROM 6/\$1 TO 5/\$1....A NEW MUSEUM WHICH WILL OPERATE OLD INTERURBAN CARS IS BEING BUILT AT WESTPORT, IND....PORTSMOUTH TRANSIT Co. (VA.) HAS LOST ITS FRANCHISE; COMMUNITY MOTOR BUS Co. WILL TAKE OVER THE CITY BUS SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 17.

THE COMING A.V.A. CONVENTION AT MINNEAPOLIS

BY FLOYD O. BARNETT

THE TIME FOR THE 1961 A.V.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION IS FAST APPROACHING. THE MINNESOTA A.V.A. MEMBERS EXTEND A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ALL A.V.A. MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ATTEND THE MEETING THE FIRST WEEKEND OF AUGUST AT THE CURTIS HOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. THE CURTIS HOTEL IS ONE OF THE LARGER HOTELS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, AND WE ARE SURE THAT EVERYONE CAN SECURE ACCOMMODATIONS. SINGLE ROOMS RUN \$6 TO \$11; DOUBLE BED (2 PERSONS) \$8.50 TO \$13; 2 SINGLE BEDS (2 PERSONS) \$10.50 TO \$15; PARLOR SUITES (2 PERSONS) \$14 TO \$28. EXTRA GUESTS \$2. CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER, WITH PARENTS, AT NO EXTRA CHARGE. THERE IS ALSO A MOTOR LODGE IN CONNECTION. ANYONE DESIRING MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE HOTEL. THERE IS ALSO A SWIMMING POOL FOR HOTEL GUESTS!

THE MEETING ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, WILL BE IN THE SOLARIUM ROOM ON THE MAIN FLOOR. IF THERE ARE AS MANY AS 40 PEOPLE SERVED AT SATURDAY EVENING DINNER THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR THE MEETING ROOM. THE HOTEL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ON FRIDAY EVENING HOW MANY WILL BE AT THE BANQUET SO THEY CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

ON FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 4, THE BARNETTS HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SOLARIUM ROOM AFTER DINNER SO THAT OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS AND LOCAL MEMBERS CAN MEET FOR A GET-TOGETHER. PLANS ARE ALSO BEING MADE FOR SUNDAY, SO WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

THERE WILL BE AN 8MM MOVIE PROJECTOR AND A SLIDE PROJECTOR AVAILABLE, SO BRING YOUR PICTURES ALONG, ALSO ANY FRAMES OF YOUR FAVORITE TOKENS. SEVERAL LOCAL MEMBERS ARE PLANNING ON TAKING THEIR VACATIONS AT THIS TIME SO THEY WILL HAVE TIME TO SPEND WITH THE OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS.

IF YOU PLAN TO COME, PLEASE WRITE TO QUINCY A. LAFLIN - 1476 IGLEHART AVENUE - ST. PAUL 4, MINN., OR ROBERT M. BUTLER - 731 EAST 26TH ST. - MINNEAPOLIS 4, MINN., OR FLOYD BARNETT - 5425 PORTLAND AVENUE SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS 17, MINN. (NOTE NEW ADDRESS). IT WILL HELP US WITH OUR PLANS. ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE WE SHALL BE GLAD TO TRY TO ANSWER. SUGGESTIONS ALSO ARE WELCOME, OF COURSE!

MR. CHARLES JOHNSON WRITES THAT UNIDENTIFIED #14, PITTSBURGH STEAMBOAT CO. TOKEN, WAS A TRADE TOKEN USED ON EXCURSION BOATS OPERATING OUT OF PITTSBURGH UP UNTIL THE TIME OF WORLD WAR I. HE WORKED ON TOWBOATS IN THE AREA AT THE TIME, AND SAYS THESE TOKENS WERE TRADE CHECKS GOOD AT CONCESSIONS ON THE BOATS TO BUY VARIOUS THINGS, ESPECIALLY A SCHOONER OF BEER. SO THEY ARE NOT TRANSPORTATION TOKENS BY OUR DEFINITION.

MAINLY INTERESTED IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND NEW ENGLAND STATES. WHAT DUPLICATES HAVE YOU? I HAVE 500 DIFFERENT TOKENS FOR SALE OR TRADE.

RALPH A. HINDE - 225-30 106 AVE. - JAMAICA 29, N.Y.

WILL TRADE 3 DIFFERENT TRADE TOKENS FOR EACH COMMON TRANSPORTATION TOKEN SENT ME. HAVE OVER 100 DIFF. VARIETIES SO SEND AS MANY TOKENS AS YOU LIKE. POSTAGE STAMP WOULD HELP.

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FOR SALE AT CATALOG: ARK 480 Q; CAL 450 K; CONN 210 A; FLA 370 A, 530 H; ILL 110 A; IND 960 C; KY 530 A; MASS 825 A; NH 240 A; NJ 885 A; NY 505 A; ND 960 A; ORE 700 I; PA 70 B, 775 B; DC 500 AD.

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AUCTION: DEADLINE ONE WEEK AFTER RECEIPT OF FARE BOX: DC 500 Q; ILL 150 X; IA 30 B; KY 510 BR; MD 60 AL; MASS 115 N; NEB 540 P; ENGL 901 D; FRANCE 520 B; NETH 909 E; ONTARIO 675 C D; QUEBEC 620 V. POSTPAID ENVELOPE PLEASE.

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AUCTION: DEADLINE ONE WEEK AFTER YOU RECEIVE FARE BOX: ORE 20 D E, 40 A, 80 A B, 130 B C, 160 A B D E H, 340 A, 420 A, 700 B, 760 A, 970 A; PA 65 F Q, 150 A B, 175 B, 180 E, 195 A B E F J, 280 B, 325 C D, 360 C, 400 C D, 425 B C D, 460 A B D, 470 A, 480 B, 490 A, 495 J K Q, 575 B C E, 600 A, 645 A B, 650 C E, 675 D, 750 G Z AM AR AS AV, 950 C D F.

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FOR SALE AT CATALOG PLUS 12¢ POSTAGE: NC 130 C, 160 B, 240 B H JB, 360 A, 465 A, 660 BA BB, 770 A; ND 260 HA HB; NY 105 CC, 230 I, 380 B D; OHIO 830 F, 860 G, 915 DA E; OKLA 810 B, 860 A OB P Q; ORE 760 B; PA 65 C, 110 A B, 200 BB, 615 AB, 725 I, 750 AN, 840 E; SC 310 HA I J; TENN 690 B; TEX 50 G, 565 CB, 925 A.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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PROPOSED BY F. GORDON SMITH.

REINSTATEMENT TO MEMBERSHIP (LATE DUES)

47 EROY L. KIMMONS - 521 E. LIVE OAK ST. - AUSTIN 4, TEXAS

THE RICHMOND-PETERSBURG TURNPIKE TOKENS

BY JACK F. BURNS

THE RICHMOND-PETERSBURG TURNPIKE IS A DUAL-LANE LIMITED ACCESS TOLL ROAD, 35 MILES IN LENGTH. THIS \$70,000,000 HIGHWAY, WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED TO RELIEVE CONGESTION BETWEEN THESE TWO CITIES IN VIRGINIA, WAS OPENED IN THE SPRING OF 1958. NOTWITHSTANDING ITS DESIGNATION, IT IS NOT AND WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BE A TURNPIKE IN THE CUSTOMARILY ACCEPTED SENSE. USUALLY TURNPIKES ARE LOCATED TO KEEP TRAFFIC FROM CONGESTED AREAS, WHEREAS HALF THE LENGTH OF THE RICHMOND-PETERSBURG TURNPIKE IS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITIES. EIGHT OF ITS 17 INTERCHANGES ARE DIRECT CONNECTIONS TO RICHMOND CITY STREETS AND TWO CONNECT WITH THE STREETS OF PETERSBURG. THERE ARE ONLY 3 INTERCHANGES IN RURAL CHESTERFIELD COUNTY BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES.

AS A CONVENIENCE TO THE USERS OF THE TURNPIKE AND TO FACILITATE THE PAYMENT OF TOLLS, A FORM OF SCRIP WAS ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY WHEN THE TURNPIKE WAS OPENED. THE SCRIP IS ON WHITE BOND PAPER, SAFETY-PRINTED ON BOTH SIDES, AND THE SIZE IS 1-7/8" x 4-1/4" WITH A SIDE STRIP OF 7/16" x 1-7/8" ATTACHED BY PERFORATION. THESE SIDE STRIPS MAY BE USED AS A STAPLING END FOR FASTENING PIECES OF SCRIP AND TAG BOARD COVERS INTO BOOK FORM. THE LEGEND ON THE OBERSE IS PRINTED IN BLACK AND THE SERIAL NUMBERS ON THE REVERSE IN RED. ALL DENOMINATIONS OF SCRIP ARE IDENTICAL, EXCEPT FOR THE DENOMINATIONAL AMOUNTS AND THE COLOR OF THE SAFETY-PRINTING INK. DENOMINATIONS ISSUED AND THE COLORS AS FOLLOWS: 10c GRAY; 15c PINK; 20c BROWN; 25c BLUE; 30c GREEN; 35c ORANGE.

THE TURNPIKE OPERATES AS A BARRIER SYSTEM AND NOT AS A CONTROLLED SYSTEM, IN THAT THERE IS NO FREE TRAFFIC BUT THERE ARE MANY POINTS OF INGRESS AND EGRESS WHICH ARE UNATTENDED. ALL TRAFFIC IS INTERCEPTED EITHER AT A BARRIER STATION OR, IN THE EVENT THE TRIP DOES NOT PASS THE VEHICLE THROUGH A BARRIER STATION, TOLL IS COLLECTED AT A POINT OF ENTRY OR EXIT. SINCE THE TURNPIKE WAS OPENED MORE AND MORE UNITS OF AUTOMATIC TOLL COLLECTION EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT THESE MANY COLLECTION POINTS FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY. IN NOVEMBER, 1960, THE AUTHORITY ISSUED TOKENS WHICH MAY BE USED IN THE AUTOMATIC LANES AS WELL AS IN THE MANUALLY ATTENDED LANES. THE TOKENS WERE MANUFACTURED BY MEYER WENTHE OF CHICAGO, IN QUANTITIES OF 60,000 OF EACH DENOMINATION, AS FOLLOWS: 10c, 15c, 20c. [SEE LAST ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX FOR DESCRIPTIONS.]

AT THIS DATE, BOTH SCRIP AND TOKENS ARE BEING USED. BUT OFFICIALS HOPE THE USE OF SCRIP WILL EVENTUALLY BE DISCONTINUED AS TOKENS INCREASE IN USE. SCRIP CAN'T BE USED IN AUTOMATIC COLLECTION EQUIPMENT, IT IS RELATIVELY EXPENSIVE TO MANUFACTURE AND COSTLY TO ACCOUNT FOR, AND IT CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

MAY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE
BY RALPH FREIBERG

LOUISIANA

SCOTLANDVILLE 790 (REPORTED BY GEORGE FULD)
QUICK SERVICE CAB LINE EL. 5-2860

A	A	29	Sd	GOOD FOR 25¢ IN TRADE	\$0.25
B	A	35	Sd	" " 50¢ " "	.50

MASSACHUSETTS

HOLYOKE 355 (REPORTED BY MAX M. SCHWARTZ)

D	B	16	N	[SAME AS MASS 355 C]	.25
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PITTSFIELD 645 (REPORTED BY MAX M. SCHWARTZ)

YELLOW COACH LINES (BUS)

B	WM	16	BALL	MISS HALLS SCHOOL (BUS) (2 SLOTS)	.15
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NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE 40 (REPORTED BY W.A. WHITFIELD)

ALBUQUERQUE BUS CO. ABC

G	B	16	BALL	HEART OF THE HEALTH COUNTRY ABC	.20
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ALBUQUERQUE BUS CO. SCHOOL FARE ABC

H	B	23	BALL	GOOD ON SCHOOL DAYS ONLY 7 A.M. TO 5 P.M. /ABC	.15
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NORTH CAROLINA

WILSON 960 (REPORTED BY A.A. GIBBONS)

WILSON TRANSIT CO. WILSON, N.C. (BUS TYPE 3)

B	WM	16	BAR	GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS)
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CANADA - ONTARIO

HAMILTON 400 (REPORTED BY ROLAND C. ATWOOD)

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS ONTARIO DHO

C	B	17	Sd	DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS ONTARIO CLASS 1 /VEHICLE	.15
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QUEBEC

JACQUES CARTIER 360

INTER-CITY BUS LIMITED ICL

A	WM	17	Sd	AUTOBUS INTER-CITE LTEE ICL	.15
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B	B	17	Sd	" " " "	.50
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C	B	22	Sd	" " " "	.25
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[A IS A CITY FARE TOKEN; B IS SUBURBAN FARE; C IS
CHILD'S SUBURBAN FARE.]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

HEADING THE LIST THIS MONTH ARE A COUPLE TAXI TOKENS FROM SCOTLANDVILLE. THIS TOWN IS A SUBURB OF BATON ROUGE. THE CAB COMPANY IS LISTED IN THE BATON ROUGE PHONE BOOK AS A COLORED TAXI FIRM. ONE THING WE CAN SAY FOR OUR ORGANIZATION IS THAT WE DISCRIMINATE AGAINST NO ONE AND LIST ALL TOKENS REGARDLESS OF RACE OR CREED! IN THE SOUTHERN STATES THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHER TOKENS USED FOR SMALL BUS ROUTES OR TAXI CABS THAT WE DO NOT KNOW ABOUT, AND IF ANYONE EVER GETS DOWN THAT WAY, IT WOULD BE WELL TO INVESTIGATE. ON THIS TOKEN, HOWEVER, THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET ANY OF THEM. NO ANSWER AT ALL. IF ANYONE CAN HELP, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

NEXT WE HAVE TWO FROM MASSACHUSETTS. IN MANY CASES I PREFER TO HOLD UP LISTINGS AN EXTRA MONTH OR SO TO SEE HOW WE CAN GET THE TOKENS FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. BY TRYING TO HURRY THINGS WE RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES. INSTEAD OF WAITING AND GETTING A REPORT ON HOW MUCH THE HOLYOKE TOKENS WOULD COST, THE N.I.S. SENT A CHECK WHICH SHOULD HAVE COVERED THE COST, BUT THE COMPANY REPLIED THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE TOO MANY, AND WOULD WE SEND AN ADDITIONAL CHECK. SO, ANYHOW, THEY STUCK US (EITHER DO IT OR NOT GET THEM). WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FARE IS THERE, BUT THE TOKENS COST US 35¢ APIECE. MISS HALLS SCHOOL, IN PITTSFIELD, IS A GIRLS BOARDING SCHOOL WHICH HAS A DEAL WITH THE YELLOW COACH LINES TO HAUL STUDENTS TO THE SCHOOL. TOKENS WERE PLACED IN USE IN SEPTEMBER, 1960, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND SOLD TO STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL ONLY, AT 15¢ EACH. AT THIS TIME THE SCHOOL DOESN'T WANT TO SELL ENOUGH TOKENS FOR THE NIS AS THEIR SUPPLY IS LIMITED. PROBABLY IF WE WAIT TILL THE PERIOD BETWEEN TERMS WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET A SUPPLY, AFTER THEY FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY'LL NEED FOR THE COMING YEAR.

WE'VE COME UP WITH AT LEAST 5 SCHOOL TOKENS THAT WERE PLACED IN USE WITH THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN 1960. SO THERE MAY BE OTHERS WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALREADY IN USE, AND MORE AFTER NEXT SEPTEMBER, SO THIS IS SOMETHING TO WATCH FOR.

NEXT SOME NEW TOKENS FROM ALBUQUERQUE, PLACED IN USE WITH THE FARE RAISES OF MARCH 18, 1961. ONE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING A COLLECTOR IN A CITY WHERE NEW TOKENS ARE ISSUED. WE GET THEM RIGHT AWAY.

THE WILSON, N.C., TOKEN WAS FOUND BY MR. GIBBONS WHO CHECKED IT AGAINST THE CATALOGUE. THE A TOKEN WITH THE #2 BUS WAS LISTED IN APRIL 1952 FARE BOX. THIS WAS BEFORE THE NEW #3 TYPE BUS WAS USED. FARE PROBABLY ABOUT 3/25 THEN. HOWEVER, WITH NEW FARE IN APRIL 1957 OF 2/25, MORE TOKENS WERE ORDERED, AND THIS TIME THEY CAME WITH THE NEW STYLE BUS ON THEM. SO THIS TOKEN WAS IN USE NEARLY FOUR YEARS BEFORE ANYONE NOTICED IT. FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR NEW MEMBERS, LET ME POINT OUT THAT A TOKEN WITH A PICTURE OF A BUS ON A BAR IS ALWAYS ASSUMED TO BE TYPE #2 UNLESS WE STATE SPECIFICALLY IN THE DESCRIPTION THAT IT IS "BUS TYPE #3." IT IS JUST THE OPPOSITE FOR TOKENS WHICH PICTURE A BUS ON A ROUND BALL IN THE TOKEN, WHICH HAS (2 SLOTS). THEN IT IS ASSUMED TO BE TYPE #3 UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

THE TYPES OF BUSES ARE PICTURED IN THE BACK OF THE CATALOGUE. SO IF YOU FIND A TOKEN WHICH HAS A BUS ON IT WHICH YOU THINK IS OTHERWISE THAN LISTED, BE SURE TO ASK ABOUT IT. YOU MAY HAVE A NEW VARIETY.

NEXT WE COME TO A CANADIAN ONE FROM HAMILTON. IT SEEMS I NO SOONER GOT FINISHED MENTIONING ABOUT AUTOMATIC COLLECTING DEVICES ON BRIDGES AND TURNPIKES, WHEN UP COMES A NEW TOKEN. MR. MCKEE HAD MENTIONED HE WENT OVER THE BURLINGTON SKYWAY, BETWEEN BURLINGTON AND HAMILTON, IN FEBRUARY, AND THEY USED TICKETS. SO WHEN MR. ATWOOD CAME UP WITH ONE OF THE TOKENS HE WAS KIND OF SURPRISED, BUT DID GO OVER AND GET THESE FOR US. THE TOKEN IS USED BECAUSE OF THE AUTOMATIC COLLECTING DEVICES WHICH WILL NOT REGISTER TICKETS. PROBABLY FIRST USED SOMETIME IN APRIL. WE ARE ALSO TOLD THAT THE TOKEN WILL BE USED ON A BRIDGE OVER THE WELLAND CANAL, NEAR ST. CATHERINES, IN A YEAR OR SO. AS THE TOKEN MENTIONS NO CITY ON IT, IT PROBABLY IS GOOD ANYWHERE IN ONTARIO. NEXT WE COME TO A SET OF TOKENS FROM VILLE JACQUES CARTIER. IN CASES WHERE CITIES ARE SO-NAMED, WE DROP THE "VILLE" [= "CITY"] PART OF IT. THIS FIRM WHICH FURNISHES TRANSPORT FOR JACQUES CARTIER, USES THE WM TOKEN FOR CITY SERVICE AND THE BRASS ONES FOR A SUBURBAN RUN FROM RIVIERE-DES-PRAIRIE TO A TERMINAL IN MONTREAL. LENGTH OF RUN, ABOUT 16 MILES...WHICH IS WHY TOKENS COST 50¢ FOR ADULTS & 25¢ FOR CHILDREN. AS THE COMPANY IS IN JACQUES CARTIER, TOKENS WILL BE LISTED FROM THERE. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT MOST CANADIAN TOKENS ARE EITHER JUST A BIT LARGER THAN OUR CONVENTIONAL 16MM TOKENS, OR JUST A BIT SMALLER THAN OUR ORDINARY 23MM TOKENS.

BACK IN THE FEBRUARY, 1950, ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX ON PAGE 17 MENTION WAS MADE OF A BRASS-PLATED TOKEN FROM LOS ANGELES. THESE WERE USED FOR A SHORT TIME, AS THE OPERATOR HAD A SMALL SUPPLY AND EVERY TIME A PASSENGER SHOWED A PASS HE WOULD DROP ONE OF THESE BRASS-PLATED TOKENS INTO THE FARE BOX WHICH WOULD REGISTER IT, THUS MAKING A COUNT OF PASSES. IT HAS BEEN KIND OF DEBATABLE WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE LISTED OR NOT. ONE THING AGAINST LISTING IT WAS THAT THERE WERE NONE OF THESE TOKENS AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS. HOWEVER, WITH DISCONTINUANCE OF REDEEMABLE TOKENS OF FORMER COMPANIES TAKEN OVER BY LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY, ANOTHER COLLECTOR WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN A SUPPLY OF THESE BRASS-PLATED TOKENS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY IS NOW AVAILABLE. SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU THINK THE TOKEN SHOULD BE LISTED. IF YOU WANT THE TOKEN SEND 20¢ AND A STAMPED ENVELOPE. I'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO GET CAL 760 D E F G H AT CATALOG PRICE. IT'S DOUBTFUL THAT ANY SAN FRANCISCO TOKENS WILL BE USED AGAIN, BUT POSSIBLY 760 F SOMEDAY WILL BE USED AGAIN. THE ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT IS EXPECTED TO BRING OUT A NEW TOKEN FOR OAKLAND THIS YEAR, MAKING ALL KEY SYSTEM TOKENS OBSOLETE. AT PRESENT 575 K & L ARE STILL USED. IF ANYONE HAS DUPES OF THESE I CAN SWAP THEM IN FOR OTHER TOKENS OR CAN SEND ANY OF THE L.A. TOKENS FOR EXCHANGE.

THE FARE BOX

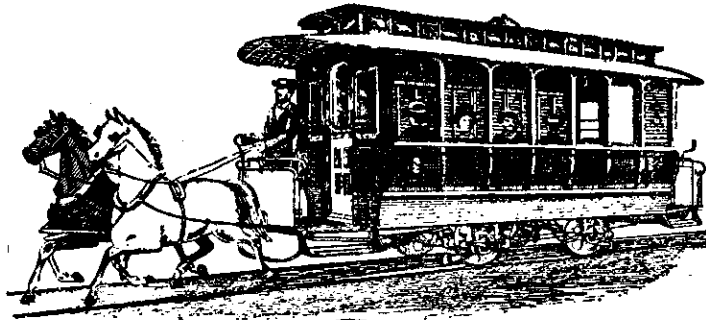
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**UNTIL AUGUST 28 SEND ALL MAIL FOR THE FARE BOX TO THIS ADDRESS
JOHN M. COFFEE, JR. - 4104 SIXTH AVENUE - TACOMA 6, WASH.**

ON JUNE 22 THE EDITOR WILL BE HEADING WEST FOR HIS SUMMER VACATION. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND ANY MEMBERS IN THAT AREA ON THE WEEKEND OF JULY 1 SHOULD GIVE RALPH FREIBERG A CALL.

THE JULY ISSUE WILL BE MAILED FROM TACOMA ABOUT JULY 15. HAVE ALL ADS AND ARTICLES IN BY JULY 10 IF YOU WANT THEM TO GET IN THAT ISSUE. THE AUGUST ISSUE, WITH NEWS OF THE CONVENTION, WILL BE LATE, MAILED FROM BOSTON EARLY IN SEPTEMBER.

ONCE AGAIN, WE WANT TO REMIND OUR READERS OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE CURTIS HOTEL IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 5 & 6. MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW. IT APPEARS THAT THIS WILL BE THE BIGGEST CONVENTION YET HELD, AND IF YOU DON'T GO TO OUR CONVENTIONS, YOU ARE MISSING HALF THE FUN OF COLLECTING TOKENS.

THE EDITOR HAS ONE COPY OF A TYPED SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE, CONTAINING ALL NEW ISSUES & DISCOVERIES & CORRECTIONS, THAT WERE LISTED IN THE FARE BOX BETWEEN JANUARY 1958 AND DECEMBER 1959. NEW MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO COPY IT MAY BORROW IT FOR TWO WEEKS IF THEY WILL PAY POSTAGE BOTH WAYS. LET ME KNOW.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 369J HENRY J. ADAMCIK - 1129 BROAD ST. - COLLINGDALE, PENNA.
AGE 19; CLERK. COLLECTS U.S.
370 EDWARD TARANTINO JR. - 1035 DEXTER ST. - LOS ANGELES 42,
AGE 22; KEY PUNCH OPERATOR. 300 TOKENS. /CALIF.
371 MRS. VERNON LARTCH - 8109 N.E. MONROE - MINNEAPOLIS 22,
AGE 24; HOUSEWIFE. 235 TOKENS. /MINN.
372 WILLIAM MAGEE - 1320 PANDORA AVE. - VICTORIA, B.C., CANADA
AGE 50; WELDER. 250 TOKENS, COLLECTING 1 YEAR.
373J RICHARD MUSSEY - 311 CLOVER AVE. - LANCASTER, PENNA.
AGE 14; 400 TOKENS. COLLECTING 1 YEAR.
374 EARL H. SUMMERS, SR. - ROUTE #2 - WARSAW, OHIO
AGE 47; AUCTIONEER. 350 TOKENS, COLLECTING 10 YEARS.

APPLICANTS PROPOSED BY: COFFEE (369,372), FREIBERG (370),
HUEY (371), BIERY (373), SCHWARTZ (374).

BAAKE COLLECTION PURCHASED BY KENNETH SMITH

I RECENTLY ACQUIRED THE COLLECTION OF THE LATE B.H. BAAKE, JR., WHICH CONSISTED OF 2 COLLECTIONS, THE FIRST BEING A U.S. & FOREIGN COLLECTION, AND THE SECOND BEING U.S. ONLY. COLLECTORS WHO DESIRE TO GET ITEMS FOR THEIR COLLECTIONS MAY SEND ME THEIR WANT-LISTS, AND I'LL TRY TO HELP THEM. PREFERENCE ON CHECKING WANT-LISTS WILL BE GIVEN THOSE COLLECTORS WHO OMIT THE \$3.50 AND \$5 TOKENS FROM THEIR LISTS...AS THESE TOKENS ARE TEMPORARILY BEING PUT ASIDE FOR TRADE ONLY. DIE VARIETY COLLECTORS SHOULD SEND THEIR WANT-LIST OF DIE VARIETIES. THE TWO COLLECTIONS PLUS A FEW DUPLICATES CONSIST OF 14,000 TOKENS. DUE TO MR. COFFEE'S VACATION, INCIDENTALLY, THE PROOFS OF THE FINAL SECTIONS OF THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST WILL NOT BE SENT EAST UNTIL LATE AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER, AFTER MR. COFFEE RETURNS AND HAS TIME TO RUN OFF THE REMAINDER OF THE LIST. SO IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SUBMIT CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS, ETC.

KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT: SPRING, SPRING, BEAUTIFUL SPRING, LET'S HOPE IT REALLY IS WHEREVER YOU ARE! VACATION TIME IS HERE. IT IS MY WISH THAT YOU AND YOURS HAVE THE BEST VACATION EVER. IF YOU CAN PLAN TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF MINNEAPOLIS ON AUGUST 5-6, IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE TO GREET YOU ALL PERSONALLY. HOWEVER, WHEREVER YOU MAY BE, GOOD HEALTH, GOOD WEATHER, AND HAPPY HUNTING! ...FOR VECTURES, THAT IS.

- F. GORDON SMITH

THE CANTON STEAM FERRY
BY DONALD N. MAZEAU

TWO OF OUR RAREST TOKENS ARE THOSE OF THE CANTON STEAM FERRY OF CANTON, MO., AND THROUGH THE KIND EFFORTS OF MR. PAUL PARADISE, A RESIDENT OF CANTON, WE NOW HAVE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FERRY.

THE FIRST FERRY TO CROSS THE MISSISSIPPI AT CANTON WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1853 ON A CHARTER ISSUED BY LEWIS COUNTY TO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, AND PROVIDED FOR FARES OF 10¢ FOR FOOTMEN, AND 50¢ FOR A TEAM AND WAGON. THIS OPERATION WAS CALLED THE LEWIS-ADAMS FERRY, AFTER THE MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS COUNTIES IT SERVED. AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, NO TOKENS WERE ISSUED BY THIS FIRM. DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS SEVERAL FERRIES WERE USED, MOST OF THEM POWERED BY SAIL AND OAR.

THE FERRY "CANTONIA" WHICH WAS BUILT IN 1890 BY KULKA BROS. BOAT YARD OF ROCK ISLAND, ILL., WAS, AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, THE ONLY STEAM-OPERATED FERRY USED AT CANTON. SHE WAS OWNED BY THE CANTON SAWMILL CO., AND WAS PUT INTO SERVICE APRIL 1, 1891. UNLIKE THE PRESENT FERRY, WHICH IS A BARGE AND TUG AFFAIR, SHE WAS AN ELEGANT ONE-PIECE STERNWHEELER, 92 FEET LONG AND BOASTING TWIN ENGINES WITH A COMBINED 150 HORSEPOWER. IT IS SAID THAT 7 TEAMS AND WAGONS COULD DRIVE ON HER BOW. IN ADDITION TO HER REGULAR FERRYING DUTIES SHE WAS MUCH USED FOR TOWING AND EXCURSION BUSINESS. THE FARES FOR WHICH THE TOKENS WERE USED WERE 5¢ FOR A FOOTMAN, AND 40¢ FOR A ROUND TRIP BY A 2-HORSE WAGON & DRIVER. TODAY ONLY 8 OF THE FOOT PASSENGER TOKENS ARE KNOWN TO EXIST, AND ONLY 2 OF THE 2-HORSE WAGON & DRIVER TOKENS (OWNED BY ATWOOD AND COFFEE). THE "CANTONIA" WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE AT THE DOCK LATE IN NOVEMBER, 1910, AND IF THE MAJORITY OF THE TOKENS WERE ABOARD AT THE TIME, IT WOULD CERTAINLY ACCOUNT FOR THEIR CURRENT RARITY.

IN THE YEARS FOLLOWING THE BURNING OF THE "CANTONIA," THERE WERE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS AT A PROFITABLE OPERATION BUT SOME OF THE OWNERS, DUE TO THE TIMES, FAILED, AND FOR A FEW YEARS THERE WAS NO FERRY AT ALL. DURING THE LATE 1930'S THE PRESENT OWNER, ALLEN BLACKMORE, HELPED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, STARTED THE PRESENT SUCCESSFUL OPERATION. THE TOKENS ISSUED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WERE PROBABLY USED ABOUT THIS TIME, TO INDUCE THE MANY FARM FAMILIES ON THE ILLINOIS SIDE TO SHOP IN CANTON. ALTHOUGH THE TOKENS ARE NO LONGER IN USE, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS STILL VITALLY INTERESTED IN KEEPING THE ILLINOIS TRADE, AND EVERY SATURDAY IS "FREE FERRY DAY," WITH THE CHAMBER PAYING THE OWNER A FLAT \$40 FEE. SOME DAY SOON THIS FERRY MAY PASS THE WAY OF SO MANY OTHERS, AS THERE IS CONSIDERABLE AGITATION FOR A BRIDGE AT THIS POINT ON THE RIVER, THE NEAREST ONE BEING 25 MILES AWAY. CERTAINLY A BRIDGE IS MORE PRACTICAL THAN A FERRY, BUT SOMEHOW IT JUST DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME APPEAL. FOR THOSE OF US WHO LOVE FERRIES AND TROLLIES, PROGRESS CAN BE PAINFUL.

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JUST ONE COLLECTOR'S OPINION: A LITTLE SHORT NOTE, GIV-
ING ONE OF OUR MEMBERS A BIG PAT ON THE BACK. WHEN A MEMBER
TAKES THIS MUCH OF HIS TIME AND ENERGY TO MAKE THIS CENSUS LIST
I THINK WE SHOULD LET HIM KNOW HOW WE FEEL. MAYBE HE WILL PUT
OUT ONE A YEAR, WHICH WE SURE WOULD APPRECIATE. THANKS MR.
HAROLD FORD!

- CLARENCE E. HEPPNER.

RECENTLY DISCOVERED DANISH TOKENS FROM AALBORG

BY F.J. BINGEN

MR. HAZEBROEK FROM AMSTERDAM RECENTLY DISCOVERED 2 DANISH TOKENS FROM AALBORG, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

AALBORG OMNIBUS SELSKAB (ARMS)

B 19 Sd LIGEUD BUSMAERKE 1956 (SPADES)

N 24 Sd SAERTAKST BUSMAERKE 1956 (HEART)

MR. STUDSTRUP OF AALBORG GIVES US THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING STORY ABOUT THESE TOKENS:

THE ONE WITH "SAERTAKST" STAMPED ON IT WAS USED FOR PASSENGERS TO WHOM IS OFFERED A SPECIAL LOW FARE, I.E., PENSIONERS, INVALIDS, ETC., OF WHOM THERE ARE SOME 10,000 IN THIS CITY OF 120,000 INHABITANTS. IT WAS ISSUED IN A QUANTITY OF ONLY 5,000 PIECES, BECAUSE IT WAS SOON DISCOVERED THAT AN IDENTIFICATION CARD WAS A BETTER SYSTEM THAN TOKENS FOR SUCH PEOPLE. THE HEART ON THE TOKEN SYMBOLIZES THAT THIS IS A MATTER OF HUMAN INTEREST. THE TOKEN WAS GOOD FOR A 25 ORE FARE ON THE BUSES. FOR THIS TOKEN, THERE WAS FIRST MADE A PATTERN, OF WHICH ONLY 16 PIECES WERE STRUCK, AS FOLLOWS:

AALBORG OMNIBUS SELSKAB (HEART)

N 24 Sd SAERTAKST BUSMAERKE 1956 (HEART)

THIS PATTERN WAS NOT ADOPTED, AND THE TOKEN WITH (ARMS) IS MORE REPRESENTATIVE. THE SMALL TOKEN IS THE ORDINARY ONE IN USE FOR A RIDE IN THE CITY. "LIGEUD" MEANS "STRAIGHT AHEAD," CONTRARY TO "OMSTIGNING" MEANING "TRANSFER." IN BUSES THERE ARE 2 AUTOMATIC CHANG MACHINES AND TOKENS CAN BE DRAWN FROM BOTH. FOR A 2 KRONER COIN YOU RECEIVE 5 TOKENS, EACH WORTH 45 ORE FARE, SO YOU GET A 10% DISCOUNT IN THE MACHINES. 200,000 OF THESE WERE STRUCK; ABOUT 8,000 GO OUT EVERY DAY, AND BY NOW 127,000 ARE IN THE POCKETS OF CUSTOMERS. THE (SPADES) ON THE TOKEN HAS A DOUBLE MEANING IN DANISH. THE WORD HERE FOR "SPADES" ON PLAYING CARDS IS EQUAL TO THE WORD FOR SAVING, "SPAR," AND IT CORRESPONDS TO THE SIGN OF (HEARTS) ON THE OTHER TOKEN. THE IDEA IS THAT YOU SAVE MONEY BY USING TOKENS.

THE COMPANY ALSO ARRANGES TOURIST TOURS ABROAD. EACH PASSENGER GETS A SMALL BROOCH CONSISTING OF A POLISHED BRASS TOKEN WELDED TO THE DANISH FLAG; THIS SHOWS TO WHICH COMPANY THEY BELONG, AND THE FLAG SHOWS THEY ARE NOT GERMANS, TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS. WHEN THE PARTY RETURNS TO AALBORG AFTER SUCH A JOURNEY PASSENGERS ARE TOLD THAT IF THEY BREAK OFF THE TOKEN THEY CAN TAKE THE BUS HOME BY USING IT, BUT OF COURSE THEY NEVER DO THIS, BECAUSE IT IS SUCH A FINE DECORATION.

AALBORG OMNIBUS SELSKAB ONLY RUNS THE BUSES IN THE CITY ITSELF. BUSES TO THE SUBURBS ARE RUN BY ANOTHER COMPANY. ON THESE BUSES BRASS AND NICKEL 20MM TOKENS ARE USED, FOR THE LINES TO GL. HASSERIS, MARIENDALL, SKALBORG, AND SVENSTRUP.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT NOTES
BY HARRY C. BARTLEY

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB WAS HELD SUNDAY APRIL 16 AT THE HOME OF MEMBER PROSPER E. DEVOS, 1448 ORCHARDVIEW DRIVE, GREENTREE. IN ADDITION TO THE HOSTS, PROSPER AND CLARA, ASSISTED BY THEIR NEPHEW PAT CAIN, THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED BILL AND CORINNE BLACK, HARRY AND CLEORA BARTLEY, RALPH AND THELMA KOLLER (OF CANTON, OHIO), BILL EISENBERG, AND JOHN MACKIE. WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE AS A VISITOR THE PROMINENT TOKEN COLLECTOR AND AUTHOR, JACK F. BURNS, WHOSE ARTICLES ON THE TURNPIKE TOKENS OF VIRGINIA, AND PRISON TOKENS, HAVE APPEARED RECENTLY IN SEVERAL COIN JOURNALS. MR. BURNS HAD SOME ITEMS FOR DISPLAY AND EXPLAINED THEM TO US.

THE MEETING WAS AS VARIED AS THE WEATHER, WITH A GOOD ASSORTMENT OF DISPLAYS (INCLUDING A GROUP OF STREET RAILWAY CAP BADGES BY JOHN MACKIE) AND BOURSE MATERIAL, TOPPED OFF BY THE FINE REFRESHMENTS PROSPER ALWAYS MANAGES TO PROVIDE. SEVERAL NEWS ITEMS PERTAINING TO TOKEN COLLECTING, PDTC MEMBERS, THE COMING PENN-OHIO AND AVA CONVENTIONS, WERE MENTIONED AND DISCUSSED. IT IS A LITTLE EARLY TO SAY JUST HOW MANY WILL GET TO MINNEAPOLIS, BUT WE HOPE TO BE REPRESENTED THERE AS WE WERE IN 1956.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT ABOUT THE USUAL TIME AFTER IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD THE 3RD QUARTERLY MEETING AT THE HOME OF HARRY C. BARTLEY, 7012 OHIO RIVER BLVD., BEN AVON. OHIO RIVER BLVD. IS NOW PENNSYLVANIA HIGHWAY No. 65 (IT WAS FORMERLY ROUTE 88), AND 7012 IS ABOUT 7½ MILES NORTHWEST OF PITTSBURGH, AND ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTH OF PERRY HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE OF THE PENNA. TURNPIKE, SO WE HOPE THOSE AVA MEMBERS WHO MAY BE NEARBY ON THEIR VACATIONS WILL PLAN TO STOP OFF AND JOIN US, ON SUNDAY JULY 16 AT 2 P.M., DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. OF COURSE OUR REGULAR PITTSBURGH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE URGED TO BE PRESENT. THIS INVITATION IS ALSO EXTENDED TO ALL ACCREDITED COIN AND/OR TOKEN COLLECTORS. SEE YOU THEN.

E.R.R. TOKENS OF BOSTON ISSUED IN 1840's

RECENTLY THE EDITOR VISITED THE SHOP OF J.F. LEBLANC, A PROMINENT BOSTON COIN DEALER, AT 101 TREMONT STREET. I WAS QUITE INTERESTED WHEN MR. LEBLANC SHOWED ME AN OLD CARDBOARD TICKET GOOD FOR FARE ON THE EASTERN RAILROAD IN THE 1840'S. THIS LINE, WHICH ISSUED MASS 115 C,D,E,F, OPERATED FROM 1844 TO 1884, FROM BOSTON TO NEWBURYPORT, MASS. THE TICKET WAS INTERESTING BECAUSE STAMPED INTO IT WAS AN IMPRESSION OF THE METAL DIE USED TO STRIKE MASS 115 C,D, AND E. THIS DEFINITELY PROVES THAT THESE TOKENS WERE STRUCK IN THE 1840'S, AND HENCE ARE AMONG THE OLDEST OF AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS.

= JUNE SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
BY RALPH FREIBERG

ILLINOIS

DEKALB 200

F o Bz 23 N [LIKE 200 E BUT PART OF REVERSE WORDING REMOVED; SILVERPLATED] (NEVER PLACED IN USE) \$1.00

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE 510 (REPORTED ORIGINALLY BY MORT DAWSON)
CAMP TAYLOR BUS

BUo B 20 Sd GOOD FOR 1 FARE [EX-UNIDENTIFIED #44] 2.00

UNIDENTIFIED (REPORTED BY F. PAUL BIERY)

COULTER BROS. LIVERY & BUS LINE

78 B 25 Sd GOOD FOR TRIP FROM HOTEL

MISCELLANEOUS TOKENS (REPORTED BY F.P. SNYDER)

GROUP 31

I WM 16 E GOOD FOR ONE CITY FARE

J WM 16 N " " " " "

K WM 16 W FARE CHECK (NO DIAMONDS)

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

WE'RE CLEANING UP A FEW ITEMS THIS MONTH. SOME TIME BACK MR. VREDENBURGH REPORTED TO ME ONE OF THESE DEKALB TOKENS SILVERPLATED, BUT WE HELD UP LISTING IT TILL MORE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. LATER MORE OF THEM TURNED UP. FINALLY, MR. ATWOOD HAS EXPLAINED ABOUT THEM. THE COMPANY THERE EXPECTED A FARE RAISE, SO IT REMOVED PART OF THE WORDING ON ITS 200 E TOKENS AND SILVERPLATED THEM, TO MAKE THEM LIKE 200 D. HOWEVER, THE COMPANY WENT BANKRUPT BEFORE THE ALTERED TOKENS COULD BE PUT IN USE, SO THEY WERE NEVER USED. ALL THE 200 E'S ON HAND WERE PLATED, HENCE THE RARITY OF THE ORIGINAL E'S. ALTHOUGH NEVER USED, SOME SLIPPED OUT, AS ALWAYS HAPPENS--PERHAPS A DOZEN--SO IT IS BETTER TO LIST THEM THAN HAVE EVERYONE WONDER WHAT THEY ARE.

NEXT A TOKEN FROM LOUISVILLE FORMERLY LISTED AS A MAVERICK. ON PAGE 38 OF THE APRIL 1961 FARE BOX, IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THIS TOKEN WAS USED IN LOUISVILLE, WITH AN EXPLANATION, SO ALL WE CAN DO IS LIST IT. I WAS ALMOST CERTAIN IT WAS FROM THERE, BUT HAVE BEEN WRONG IN A COUPLE INSTANCES IN THE PAST, SO DECIDED IT WAS BETTER TO WAIT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE UNIDENTIFIED TOKEN.

THE NEXT FARE BOX WILL GO OUT FROM TACOMA BEFORE THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION. I HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU THERE. YOU WHO WILL BE ATTENDING WILL BE TAKING VARIOUS ROUTES TO GET THERE; KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR NEW TOKENS. I HAVE NO INFORMATION AT ALL ON SOME COMPANIES, SO ASK ABOUT TOKENS WHENEVER YOU VISIT A CITY EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW OF NO TOKENS AT THE PRESENT TIME.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

THIS IS AGAIN ONE OF THOSE MONTHS WHEN WE DRAW A BLANK. NOTHING AT ALL TO SEND YOU. IT HAPPENS EVERY SO OFTEN, BUT WE DIDN'T DO BADLY THE LAST 3 MONTHS; THEY WERE VERY GOOD...YOU RECEIVED 21 TOKENS, AN AVERAGE OF 7 A MONTHS, WHICH ISN'T BAD. WE DO HAVE A FEW TOKENS PENDING, AND I'M HOPING TO CONNECT. PERHAPS AUGUST WILL BE A BETTER MONTH. THIS MONTH I WISH TO WELCOME MR. LARRY FREEMAN OF PARMA, OHIO, TO THE FOLD.

A BIT OF NEWS ABOUT THE BURLINGTON BAY SKYWAY, ON WHICH ONTARIO 400 C IS USED (WE SENT YOU THE TOKEN LAST MONTH). THE BURLINGTON BAY SKYWAY IS A HIGH-LEVEL BRIDGE BETWEEN BURLINGTON AND HAMILTON, ONT. IT CROSSES PART OF THE ST. LAWRENCE GREAT LAKES CANAL SYSTEM, AND THIS IS THE REASON FOR THE EXTREME HEIGHT ABOVE THE WATER. IT IS ONE OF THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS BRIDGE STRUCTURES IN THE WORLD, AND HAS A CAPACITY OF OVER 50,000 VEHICLES DAILY. THE BRIDGE COST SOME \$20,000,000, AND OPENED FOR TRAFFIC OCT. 30, 1958. IT WAS WITHOUT TOLL FOR SOME 10 DAYS, AND THEN WAS TOLLED WITH A COMMUTER RATE. TO SERVICE THE COMMUTERS, BOOKS OF TICKETS WERE FIRST USED, BUT ON APRIL 4, 1961, FOUR AUTOMATIC TOLL COLLECTION DEVICES WERE PUT INTO OPERATION, AND CONVERTED TICKETS TO TOKENS. THIS IS THE ONLY TOLL BRIDGE IN ONTARIO OPERATED BY THE PROVINCE. ELEVEN TOLL GATES ON THE EASTERN APPROACH PASS TRAFFIC THROUGH WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY. THE TOKEN SIZE IS DIAMETER .672" PLUS OR MINUS .001"; THICKNESS .055" PLUS OR MINUS .002". TOKENS WERE MANUFACTURED FROM CARTRIDGE BRASS OF 700/0 COPPER AND 30 0/0 ZINC, A.S.T.M. No. B. 36, ALLOY 6, PROCESSED TO HAVE A MAXIMUM GRAIN SIZE OF 0.012 M.M. THE MATERIAL WAS ANACONDA YELLOW BRASS "FORMBRITE." TOKENS WERE MANUFACTURED BY THE BARNARD STAMP & STENCIL LTD., HAMILTON, WHO WERE THE LOW BIDDERS ON A PUBLIC TENDER.

PRICES REALIZED AT NICOLosi'S APRIL AUCTION

MINN 760 A NO BID; NY 685 D \$1.05, 685 E .50, 780 C \$5, 800 A \$3, 830 H .30, 945 A \$2, 945 D \$1, 980 A \$10 [!]; NC 30 D \$1.35, 660 A \$2.05, 770 B \$5.10 [!], 950 B \$1.50; ND 60 B .50, 320 F .25; OHIO 10 A \$3, 125 B \$1.15, 165 T \$1.50, 165 Y \$1, 385 B \$1, 435 A .30, 435 D .30, 440 B \$2.30, 440 C NO BID, 440 F .25, 440 G .25, 440 H .75, 475 BR .30, 475 BS .30, 475 BT .30, 505 G .35, 520 A \$2.55, 520 B \$2, 520 C \$2, 600 A \$1, 745 C \$1, 860 K .30; OKLA 70 A .35, 210 A .80, 280 D .30, 380 B .50, 590 D .25, 610 A \$2.05, 640 A \$2, 640 H .45, 860 D \$1, 860 I .30, 860 J .30.

[EDITOR'S COMMENT: NY 980 A AT \$10 AND NC 770 B AT \$5.10, ARE REALLY HIGH! I REMEMBER, ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO, BUYING 20 OF THE NY 980 A FOR A NICKEL A PIECE! TALK ABOUT INFLATION!]

THE FARE BOX

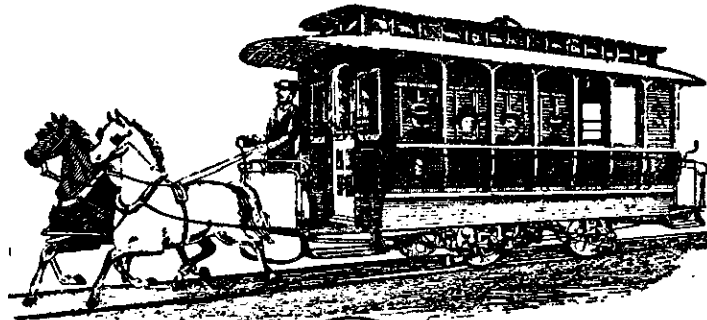
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MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION PROMISES TO BE BIGGEST EVER

The annual convention of the American Vecturist Association will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6, in the Solarium Room of the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Early returns indicate that it will be the biggest gathering of transportation token collectors ever held. We hope you will be there. Come and bring the whole family. They have a swimming pool in the hotel, with free swimming instruction for the kids if they want it. Conventions are the high point of the year for the A.V.A. You can meet collectors face to face, you can swap tokens by the hundreds, you can meet the officers of the society, and you can view some of the rare tokens on display. And you can use the trip to Minneapolis as a token-hunting expedition. Enough said. We'll see you in Minneapolis!

Incidentally, if you arrive Friday, as nearly everyone does at A.V.A. conventions, the Solarium Room will be open in the evening for a social session. Friday afternoon the Butlers are having an Open House (at 731 East 26th St.) with refreshments for early arriving members.

This issue of The Fare Box marks the beginning of our 15th year of publication. In the Fall we are going to run a list of those old faithfuls who have been subscribers ever since Volume One Number One. There aren't many of them left.

The August issue, with a full report on the Convention, will be mailed from Boston about the 10th of September. We do this in order to avoid the high cost of having a Letter Service do our mimeographing, as is necessary in Tacoma...this also explains the small size of our summer issue; everything possible is put over to the next issue. Meanwhile, until August 28, remember to send mail to the Editor at his summer address: 4104 Sixth Avenue - Tacoma 6, Washington.

TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES IN CHICAGO

By Ralph Freiberg

The North Chicago City Railway was chartered February 14, 1859, and a majority of the stock was purchased by the North Chicago Street Railroad Co. in 1886. On May 24, 1886 this company leased its road to the North Chicago Street Railway Co. During this period our token Ill 150 A was used. It was a horsecar token. The lease on July 1, 1889, was assumed by Chicago Union Traction Co. On April 14, 1900, an operating agreement with Chicago Union Traction Co. was authorized.

Chicago Railways Co. was incorporated in 1903, and on January 25, 1908, it purchased at a foreclosure sale the property of Chicago Union Traction Co. and its operated lines.

Chicago Surface Lines was an operating consolidation, as of February, 1914, of surface railways in Chicago, comprising Chicago Rys. Co., and others. The property of Chicago Surface Lines was acquired by Chicago Transit Authority on September 30, 1947.

Chicago & South Side Rapid Transit Co. was organized January 4, 1888. The road was opened from Congress to 39th Street on June 6, 1892, and throughout on May 12, 1893. Along the route were various stations (which are probably the stations along the elevated route today). In order to save time, and to let people remain in the waiting room instead of having to stand out in the cold on the platform, tickets were purchased by passengers, and when the train came within 500 feet of the station a bell was sounded and the passenger would deposit his ticket at the foot of the stairway. The fare was 5¢. It is probable that "ticket" in this case referred to the large aluminum tokens we have listed as Ill 150 M,N,O, and AB.

The South Side Elevated was chartered January 14, 1897, as a successor to the Chicago & South Side Rapid Transit, whose property was sold at foreclosure September 16, 1896.

Chicago Rapid Transit Co. was incorporated January 9, 1924, as a consolidation of various elevated railroads, among them the South Side Elevated. On September 30, 1947, Chicago Transit Authority acquired the properties of the Chicago Rapid Transit Co.

The foregoing may help to indicate in which era the various companies of Chicago operated. We have tokens from some of these companies. I have, however, never been able to find any history of the Madison Street R.R. Co., and I am beginning to think that this token may have been from Madison, Indiana.

I have been trying to trace the token-issuing companies all over the country, and what became of them. The above sketch of transit in Chicago is just an example of what I have been attempting for every city.

Seattle has upped tokens from 5/\$1 to 4/90....Toledo has raised tokens from 5/\$1.10 to 5/\$1.15....the Ohio Senate has passed a bill prohibiting the counterfeiting of transportation tokens, tickets, and transfers....Columbus, Ohio, Transit Co. has raised tickets from 5/\$1 to 5/\$1.05. Columbus is one of those cities that hate metal tokens, and keep on using paper tickets.

CALIFORNIA CLUB MEETS AT LAKEWOOD

By Edward M. Cutler

The Association of California Transportation Token Collectors met for the 24th time at the same location, Clifton's Cafeteria in Lakewood. Members present were Ritterband, Gallagher, K. Smith, von Boltenstern, Cutler. Visitors included Mrs. Smith and son, and Mrs. Gallagher and daughter. Plans are in the making for token displays which are to be shown in the Hobby Show which is held in Long Beach early next year. I should also mention that Mr. Faye Palmer and I had the pleasure to attend the recent post card club meeting at Clifton's, downtown, cafeteria. Indeed it was a pleasure to meet and hear the young lady of 79 years of age, Mrs. Ana Begue de Packman, Curator of the Historical Society of Southern California, deliver a wonderful lecture "Early Days of Los Angeles." Thanks to Mr. von Boltenstern, Program Director of the Club, for the privilege. Mr. von Boltenstern also displayed his Mt. Lowe tokens, which set in right fine with the Mt. Lowe postcards on display. It was also good to have Mr. Ritterband with us again, for it's been quite a while since the last time. And thanks, Robert, for the fine suggestion of printing, for we'll take advantage of it. As usual there was the exchange of tokens for the benefit of some. The meeting then came to an end at 4:30 p.m.

- SEATTLE CLUB HOLDS ITS 167th MEETING -

The 167th meeting of the Seattle Transportation Token Club was held in the new Seattle Public Library at 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 14 (club meets 2nd Friday of each month). Present were Shirrod, Heppner, Fouts, Mrs. Lake, Bilderback, Jefferson, Nilson, and Coffee. A letter from Mr. Barnett of Minneapolis was discussed, wherein he suggested the STTC write either him or Mr. Laflin to request the 1962 A.V.A. convention for Seattle. The possibility of having the Convention in May instead of August was discussed, so as to hold it in conjunction with a coin convention. But it finally was decided that this couldn't be put across at the A.V.A. Convention. So it was decided to request the Convention for the regular time, in August.

Mr. Fouts described his attempts to get tokens used on the Monorail and on the elevator in the Space Needle, for the coming Seattle World's Fair in 1962. He is hopeful, but says there are a lot of obstacles to be overcome.

John Coffee announced that he had been told by Roland Atwood that the token listed as Va 660 A is probably from Portsmouth, Ohio. The type of streetcar pictured on the token (like our A.V.A. seal) is only found on Indiana and Ohio tokens. Roland also has definitely learned that the Border Cities Auto Stage tokens, formerly thought to be from Eagle Pass, Tex., are really from Laredo, Texas.

Mr. Coffee presented the Club with a bound volume of the 1960 issues of The Fare Box, and displayed his collection of 92 different parking tokens, housed in blue plastic coin wallets, which make good token holders, but are rather expensive (\$2.50 each, to hold 28 coins).

Mr. Fouts displayed a large pigskin transportation ticket from Celilo, Oregon, size 4"x9".

Cecil Jefferson described his trip to Prince George, B.C., and the transportation system there where tickets sold at 3/50 are in use. For child's fare, they simply tear an adult ticket in half, each half being used as a child ticket.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m. Next meeting August 11, 7:30 p.m., Room 326, Seattle Public Library. Visitors are always welcome.

Wanted, Penna. tokens: 195 D L, 255 A, 280 A B, 295 C, 440 B, 470 A, 590 C, 975 C D. For sale, Pa 400 C and D at \$1 each plus stamped self-addressed envelope.
 Michael Super - 3647 Raymonn Avenue - Baltimore 13, Md.
 Depotel token - will trade Wisc 440 G (see August 1960 Fare Box). This is a perfect specimen of a hotel to depot token. Please write to
 Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford 7, Conn.
 Uncirculated specimens of Kans 450 G for sale at 15¢ each plus stamped envelope.
 Donald N. Mazeau - 155 Borrmann Road - East Haven, Conn.
 Wanted: NY 628 A, 629 B D E H I, 630 AA AG AJ AQ, 631 A I, 632 A. Also interested in other New York tokens. What have you for sale? I have many duplicates for sale. What do you need?
 Ralph A. Hinde - 225-30 - 106 Avenue, Queens Village - Jamaica 29, N.Y.
 For sale, German 3 mark commemorative - Bremerhaven (Yeomans 53) uncirculated, \$2.65 or will trade for Vermont, Utah, S.C., N.H., N.M., Nev., Maine, and Ariz. tokens I need. - William R. Tyson - 406 Kershaw Place, S.E. - Aiken, S.C.
 Have odd tax tokens, also wooden pencils, will trade. What have you?
 M.B. McRobie - 1073 Pitkin Avenue - Akron 10, Ohio
 Wanted: Wisconsin collector compiling check list of Wisconsin trade tokens. Taverns, lumberyards, stores, etc. Can you help me? Will buy, of trade vectures.
 Gerald Johnson - 1921 Chase Street - Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc.
 Will sell or trade - Have several each of Canada, British Columbia 700 A B C, 850 B, value for value. Let's swap.
 William Magee - 1320 Pandora Avenue - Victoria, B.C., Canada
 For sale - the not too common Kans 820 D at catalog (15¢) plus stamped addressed envelope! I also have a few Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR Co. (1 company) stock certificates issued around 1900 with old locomotive scenes, etc. Real colorful & interesting. Old signatures also. Only 25¢ each plus stamped addressed envelope.
 Jon A. Heim - 551½ East Alcott Street - Philadelphia 20, Penna.
 For sale, add 12¢ postage - Conn 35 E, 40 B, 305 L M, 560 Da Db Eb H; Ga 20 Bb, 580 B, 920 A B; Ill 150 T Y, 440 B, 455 H, 530 E; Ind 520 Da Db, 660 Ca; Ky 260 A; Mich 75 K, 560 L; Miss 460 E; Mont 380 B, 660 Ea; NJ 555 C; NY 25 Eb, 630 AHa, 631 Q; NC 280 Ea; Ohio 385 E, 640 B, 860 D Eb, 915 H; Pa 465 A, 495 Mb, 565 Ba Bb; SC 490 A; Tenn 430 K; Tex 810 Ca Cb Fa (25¢, scarce); Wash 600 D, 920 B; W.Va. 240 B, 290 E. Wyo 120 G. - C.B. Holcombe - 49 Clarke Street - Burlington, Vermont
 Asking for bids on the following: Fla 380 H; Ill 70 D; Ind 960 A; Iowa 230 B; Md 60 K; Mich 470 B, 845 F, 885 A; NJ 185 A; Ohio 990 A; Pa 165 F, 400 C D; Wash 340 A B, 720 A (thick & thin).
 Harry C. Bartley - 7012 Ohio River Blvd., Ben Avon - Pittsburgh 2, Pa.
 JULY AUCTION - deadline August 15, 1961. Ala 40 A, 750 B N; Alaska 300 H; Ark 975 A Calif 100 A (110 D 2 var. as a set), 395 C E, 450 I, 975 A (min. bid 50¢); Conn 560 I; DC 500 H J; Ida 640 B; Ill 100 A; Ind 890 A; Iowa 150 B, 300 H, 600 E; Kans 40 B, 490 A; Md 60 J; Mich 470 A, 635 B, 680 Q; Minn 760 A (sm. indent), 760 G; Miss 460 K L (2 var. as a set); Mo 440 U; Mont 80 H; Neb 980 B; NM 40 B, 900 A; NY 70 A, 230 H 280 C, 715 A, 800 A, 810 A; NC 630 A; ND 320 A B, 600 B (no rim, Unc.); Ohio 10 L, 230 M, 435 B, 440 C; Okla 860 K; Ore 160 B; Pa 340 E, 425 C, 470 A, 750 AV, 950 F.
 John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland 1, California
 For Sale to highest bidder (bids must be received by August 1) rare Evansville, Ind. horsecar token, Ind 280 A. Also have for sale at catalog: Mich 515 A,B and Ontario 675 C,D,G at 35¢ apiece (postage extra). Lots of good dupes for trade.
 John M. Coffee, Jr. - 4104 Sixth Avenue - Tacoma 6, Washington

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Sherman A. Mahan - 816A North 2nd Street - Yakima, Washington.

- IT WAS MR. HAZEVOET -

In his excellent article on page 61 of the June Fare Box, Mr. F.J. Bingen inadvertently misspelled the name of the person who discovered the new tokens from Aalborg, Denmark. The correct spelling is that of our friend and fellow member, Mr. Hazevoet of Amsterdam West. Mr. Hazevoet discovered the tokens from Aalborg.

- JULY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE -
By Ralph Freiberg

ILLINOIS

Chicago 150 (Reported by Harry C. Bartley)
A Co A 29 Sd (like 150 M but with figure 31 instead of 18) \$3.50

MISSOURI

Fulton 350 (Reported by Roland C. Atwood)
D o A 31 Sd (like 350 B but made of aluminum) 3.50

PENNSYLVANIA

Lancaster 525 (Reported by F. Paul Biery)
L. & S. TURNPIKE CO. 1
T o L Sm Sd (blank) 3.50

ALASKA

Nome 650 (Location reported by J.M. Coffee, Jr.)
FAR NORTH TRANSPORTATION CO. ONE FARE
A o B 25 Sd (same as obverse)(ex-Unidentified #27) 2.00

MISCELLANEOUS TOKENS (Reported by Ford(L,M) & F. Snyder (N))

Group 31
L Bz 16 D Good For One City Fare
M WM 23 V Good For One School Fare
N WM 23 J-sc " " " Fare Under 12 Yrs.

CANADA - ONTARIO

Sudbury 885 (Reported by Daniel DiMichael)
SUDBURY BUS LINES LTD. SBL
A WM 22 Sd Good For One Fare SBL Ltd. .15

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

Not much in the way of new issues this month, but we do have a Canadian token for those who collect Canadian, and we were able to get some of those Pittsfield tokens for the New Issues Service. Sometimes as in this case it is better to wait till after school is out. Ordinarily Canadian tokens are reported to us by Mr. Cassidy, but this one comes via Dan DiMichael. Somehow we neglected to give Mr. Cassidy credit for the Canadian tokens reported in the May 1961 Fare Box, as we should have. The Sudbury company formerly used tickets but went to metal tokens on April 1, 1961.

We have some old tokens to report this month. The Chicago & South Side Rapid Transit opened in 1892 and was taken over by South Side Elevated in 1897. We are having a little guessing game as to what the numbers on the tokens are for. Since we have various numbers up to 31, they may be for days of the month; then again they could be for stations along the elevated route. One possible explanation: there were various stations open to the weather, so people could pay their fare in advance and get a ticket (which often meant a metal token then), and when a train came within 500 feet of the station a bell would ring, and token, or ticket, holders went onto the open platform through a place where they could deposit their tickets in a box.

The aluminum Fulton depotel token is exactly like the brass one (same die). See page 97, November 1960 Fare Box for the Fulton story.

With regard to the turnpike token from Lancaster, Pa., it is assumed that the numbers on the tokens are for toll gates, so there may be other tokens in this series showing up in the future if anyone can find them. These are very old tokens.

John Coffee learned from an Alaskan correspondent that the Far North Transportation Co. token was used in Nome. Since it used the words "Far North" we should have realized that this token was from a place as far up North as a bus company could operate. There was a large army area about 3 or 4 miles north of Nome with some 5,000 men, so for a while the bus company had plenty of customers. John and Charles Reader owned the line. The line ran for only 2 years, 1948 and 1949. These tokens sold 3 for \$1.00. They operated only one bus, which actually was a large flat bed truck with a big plywood box on it which would hold about 30 people. The box had seats along the wall and was heated during the winter. The owner says he has no tokens left, and only time will tell just how many will show up. (They were struck in Seattle by Seattle Rubber Stamp Company.)

We had expected a new token from San Antonio, Tex., because we heard that on July 1, 1961, they went back on a token rate, but as yet no report on same. If one does show up we'll list it in August. I am taking off for the convention early and will be gone about a month. If anyone writes while I am gone, I'll answer these letters when I return to San Francisco.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

By John G. Nicolosi

This month we have 2 tokens coming your way...one from Canada, Ontario 885 A, first put into use April 1, 1961. These tokens all have small scratch marks on them, which may be from their going through the fare boxes. Then you will also receive Mass 645 B, already listed in the May Fare Box.

I am sorry I shall be unable to attend the convention this year at Minneapolis. I had planned to be there, but circumstances do not permit me to be present (but I'll be there in spirit). Hoping all will have a good time there and find lots of tokens on the way. Lots of tokens to be found with just a bit of effort and time.

This month I wish to welcome to the Service Mr. Alex P. Faubert of Saginaw, Michigan.

Meridian, Miss., City Lines has upped fares from 10¢ to 2/25 tokensBoise Bus Co. (Idaho) has raised fares from 20¢ to 25¢....Albuquerque, N.M., Bus Co. has raised fares from 15¢ to 20¢ and tokens from 8/¢1 to 5/75; school tokens are 10¢ each....Des Moines Transit Co. has raised school tokens from 5/85 to 5/¢1, and adult tokens from 4/¢1 to 5/¢1.40....after a lapse of several years, bus service will be restored in Cheyenne, Wyoming....Springfield Transportation Co. (Illinois) has upped tokens from 5/¢1.10 to 25¢ straight (convenience)....BKW Coach Line of Hummels Wharf, Pa., has boosted tokens from 8/75 to 8/¢1.15....Johnstown (Pa.) Traction Co. has upped tokens from 2/40 to 2/45; school tokens remain 20/¢2....Sacramento Transit Authority has upped tokens from 4/55 to 4/60.

THE FARE BOX

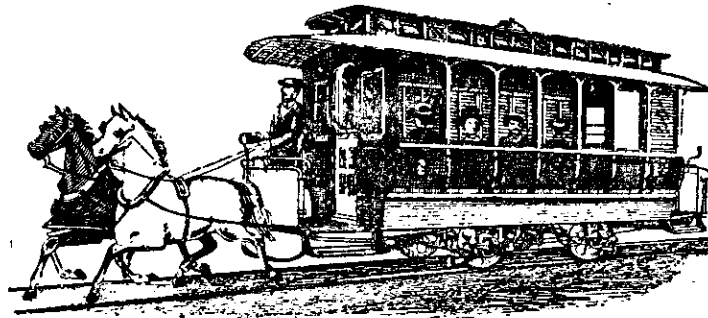
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= ATWOOD SELLS HIS COLLECTION =

ROLAND C. ATWOOD, CHARTER MEMBER NUMBER ONE OF THE A.V.A., HAS SOLD HIS ENTIRE COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES, CANADIAN, AND MEXICAN, TRANSPORTATION TOKENS TO HAROLD FORD, JR., AND JOHN M. COFFEE, JR. THE ATWOOD COLLECTION, AS A.V.A. MEMBERS ARE WELL AWARE, WAS FAR AND AWAY THE WORLD'S FINEST COLLECTION OF U.S. TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. IT CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY 6,000 VARIETIES, OF WHICH THERE WERE 440 DIFFERENT CENSUS TOKENS, WHICH IS 120 MORE CENSUS TOKENS THAN THE NEXT BEST COLLECTION.

YOUR EDITOR HAS BEEN AFTER ROLAND FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO BUY HIS COLLECTION, AND THIS PAST JUNE, WHEN ROLAND VISITED BOSTON, WE AGREED ON A PRICE AND SHOOK HANDS ON THE DEAL. HAROLD FORD TOOK 75% OF THE COLLECTION, AND I TOOK 25%. HAROLD AND I SPENT A WEEKEND LATE IN JUNE DIVIDING UP THE ATWOOD TOKENS, IN BERKELEY, WHEN I VISITED HIM THERE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT WAS QUITE A SESSION. OF COURSE, HAROLD TOOK THREE TOKENS TO MY ONE, BUT I WON THE DRAW FOR THE CHOICE OF THE FIRST TOKEN IN THE COLLECTION. AS IT TURNED OUT, I ALSO HAPPENED TO GET THE LAST--HENCE LEAST DESIRABLE--TOKEN, TOO. FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SUCH VITAL STATISTICS, THE TOKEN I TOOK WITH MY FIRST CHOICE WAS PENNA 750 I, A BRILLIANT PROOF, THE ONLY OTHER KNOWN SPECIMEN BEING IN THE MUSEUM OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THE LAST TOKEN TAKEN WAS MEXICO 540 C. THE SCENE IN HAROLD'S APARTMENT AS THE TOKENS WERE DIVIDED WAS SOMETHING LIKE A VECTURIST'S DREAM: THERE WERE LITERALLY BOWLS FULL OF VULCANITES AND CELLULOIDS, CONTAINING SUCH TOKENS AS THE OGDEN "A" TOKEN, AND THE SIOUX CITY CABLE RAILWAY. THERE WERE HORSECARS, OMNIBUS TOKENS,

AND DEPOTELS, SPREAD ALL OVER THE TABLE. IT WAS A SCENE THE LIKE OF WHICH WILL PROBABLY NEVER BE REPEATED.

ROLAND HAD MADE IT PART OF THE DEAL THAT WE WERE TO TELL NO ONE ABOUT THE SALE OF HIS COLLECTION UNTIL AFTER THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION, AND SO IT REMAINED A WELL-KEPT SECRET UNTIL NOW. RALPH FREIBERG WAS ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE WHO KNEW ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN ADVANCE.

IN ONE SENSE, THE SALE OF THE ATWOOD COLLECTION MARKS THE END OF AN ERA, AND EVEN FOR HAROLD AND ME, WHO WERE THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE SALE, THERE WAS PERHAPS A FEELING OF SADNESS IN THE BREAKING UP OF THE WORLD'S GREAT COLLECTION. BUT ROLAND C. ATWOOD HAS SO MUCH INVOLVED HIMSELF IN THIS HOBBY, HE HAS SO STAMPED IT WITH HIS PERSONALITY, THAT AS LONG AS A SINGLE COLLECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS REMAINS ON THE SCENE, THE "ATWOOD ERA" WILL CONTINUE. THE CATALOGUE WILL CONTINUE TO BE KNOWN OFFICIALLY AS THE ATWOOD CATALOGUE, AND ROLAND WILL CONTINUE AS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION. EVEN SINCE HE SOLD HIS COLLECTION HE HAS BEEN OUT FINDING MORE TOKENS AND ADDING MORE MEMBERS TO THE ASSOCIATION.

THE SALE OF THE ATWOOD COLLECTION IS AN EVENT OF PRIME SIGNIFICANCE AND NEWS VALUE. BUT THIS DOES NOT OBSCURE THE FACT THAT MUCH ELSE OF GREAT INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE JULY ISSUE WAS MAILED OUT. THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION, HELD THE FIRST WEEKEND IN AUGUST, WAS ACCLAIMED BY ALL PRESENT AS THE LARGEST AND BEST-ATTENDED CONVENTION WE HAVE EVER HELD. THE COLLECTORS IN THE TWIN CITIES AREA PROVED WHAT WE HAVE LONG SUSPECTED, THAT THEY ARE WONDERFUL HOSTS AND EXCELLENT ORGANIZERS.

THE MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION, PRINTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE--AND BE SURE TO STUDY THEM, FOR THERE IS MUCH IMPORTANT NEWS CONTAINED THEREIN--DO NOT TELL EVEN HALF THE STORY OF THE MEETING. BECAUSE YOUR EDITOR WAS PRESENT IN PERSON, I SHALL TRY TO GIVE SOME OF MY OWN IMPRESSIONS OF IT. THE CURTIS HOTEL WAS WONDERFUL; THE YOUNGSTERS BROUGHT ALONG TO THE CONVENTION FOUND THE SWIMMING POOL AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO SPEND THE HOURS DURING WHICH THEIR ELDERS WERE TRANSACTING THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE LONG GAB SESSIONS EXTENDING WELL INTO THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING WERE PERHAPS THE NICEST PART FOR SOME OF US. CHESTER KRAUSE, EDITOR OF NUMISMATIC NEWS, PROVED THAT A JOURNALIST WHOSE PRIMARY INTEREST IS IN OTHER BRANCHES OF NUMISMATICS CAN STILL BE A VERY VALUABLE MEMBER. HIS COMMENTS DURING DISCUSSION IN THE BUSINESS SESSION WERE SOME OF THE MOST COGENT VOICED THERE. THE FAMILY STYLE PICNIC AT MINNEHAHA PARK WAS A SPREAD FIT FOR A KING. EVEN DAN DiMICHAEL COULDN'T EAT ALL THEY PLACED BEFORE HIM! THE PERSONALLY GUIDED TOURS OF THE CITIES GAVE ALL OF US GOOD REASON TO WANT TO RETURN TO THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA AGAIN SOON. THE SLIDES SHOWN

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SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER THE BANQUET, OF RARE TOKENS AND PREVIOUS CONVENTIONS, HAVE BECOME A REGULAR FEATURE OF TOKEN CONVENTIONS. WE NEVER TIRE OF SEEING OURSELVES AT PREVIOUS CONVENTIONS, AND OF SEEING RARE TOKENS. THE GET-TOGETHER AT THE BARNETT'S NEW HOME ON SUNDAY NIGHT WAS A PERFECT CONCLUSION TO A PERFECT CONVENTION. ONE PIECE OF ADVICE TO FUTURE CONVENTIONEERS: DIET FOR A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE, BECAUSE YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH FOOD TO LAST YOU FOR SOME TIME, WHILE AT THE CONVENTION. AND, OF COURSE, THE BANQUET ITSELF, ON SATURDAY EVENING, SHOULD BE MENTIONED. IT WAS INEXPENSIVE, AND DELICIOUS. WE HAD ABOUT 45 PRESENT FOR THE BANQUET. THE DISPLAYS OF RARE TOKENS FROM MINNESOTA, WHICH MANY OF US HAD NEVER EVEN SEEN BEFORE, WERE A GOOD DRAWING CARD FOR MANY STRANGERS WHO WANDERED INTO THE CONVENTION ROOM. IN ADDITION TO TOKENS ON PUBLIC DISPLAY, SEVERAL COLLECTORS--NOTABLY DAN DIMICHAEL AND HAROLD CHESNEY AND ALEXANDER FAUBERT AND GERALD JOHNSON--HAD BROUGHT ALONG RARE TOKENS FROM THEIR COLLECTIONS TO SHOW OFF. I BELIEVE THIS WAS THE FIRST CONVENTION AT WHICH THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER, WERE ALL PRESENT, AS WELL AS MANY FORMER OFFICERS.

THE NEXT CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT SEATTLE, THE FIRST WEEKEND IN AUGUST. THE SEATTLE "CENTURY 21" WORLD'S FAIR WILL THEN BE IN PROGRESS...THE OUTSTANDING FEATURE WILL BE A MONORAIL, AND PAUL FOUTS IS BUSY TRYING TO CONVINCE THE POWERS THAT BE TO ISSUE TOKENS, OR AT LEAST A SPECIAL TOKEN FOR TOKEN COLLECTORS. PLAN EARLY TO ATTEND; SEATTLE WILL BE CROWDED THEN.

AS YOU WILL SEE FROM READING THE CONVENTION MINUTES, AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION WAS APPROVED THERE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP FOR APPROVAL. HENCE YOU WILL FIND A BALLOT WITH THIS ISSUE. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE IT. BALLOT SHOULD BE MARKED (MAKE NO MARK OF IDENTIFICATION ON IT; MERELY CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX), AND THEN MAILED TO THE ELECTION CHAIRMAN, QUINCY A. LAFLIN - 1476 IGLEHART AVE. - ST. PAUL 4, MINNESOTA. BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY HIM BY OCTOBER 1.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE POINTED OUT, AGAIN, THAT THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE WILL BE RAISED TO \$60.00 AS OF OCTOBER 15, 1961. SO IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A LIFE MEMBER AT THE OLD RATE OF \$30, YOU'D BETTER GET BUSY NOW AND SEND IT IN TO DAN DIMICHAEL.

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE WILL BE COMING OUT SHORTLY. THIS ISSUE IS QUITE LATE, AS PROMISED, BECAUSE OF THE EDITOR'S TRAVELING BETWEEN TACOMA AND BOSTON. SO PLEASE GET YOUR ADS AND ARTICLES IN RIGHT AWAY.

OUR FRIEND FOSTER POLLACK (1841 BROADWAY, ROOM 808, NEW YORK 23, N.Y.) HAS OBTAINED SEVERAL COPIES OF THE "OFFICIAL NEW YORK SUBWAY MAP AND GUIDE," AND SAYS HE WILL BE GLAD TO SEND THEM TO INTERESTED A.V.A. MEMBERS FOR A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

TOKENS FOR SALE TO BEST OFFER: THESE ARE NOT RARE BUT ARE SCARCE - FLA 105 A; MASS 50 A; MICH 225 I; MO 430 A (COATED); NC 450 D (PLAIN); NY 105 A. PLEASE WRITE WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS ISSUE TO

MORTON H. DAWSON - 182 WHITING LANE - WEST HARTFORD 7, CONN.

BIDS ACCEPTED TILL SEPT. 27: ALA 40 A,B, 840 A; ARK 190 A, 975 A; CAL 950 B,C; DELA 900 A; IDA 100 O, 380 B; ILL 250 J, 475 B, 495 B, 600 A; IA 910 A; MD 60 U,AM; MICH 30 A, 65 B, 775 D,E; MINN 180 B; MO 140 A, 860 F,G; MONT 80 H; NEB 640 A, 700 T NH 640 E, NY 80 C,J, 980 A; NC 30 D; OHIO 10 M, 385 B, 440 H; OKLA 590 B, 700 E; PA 320 A, 325 D, 480 A, 950 F, 997 A,B,C,E. DUANE H. FEISEL - P.O. Box 83 - TURTLE CREEK, PA.

FOR TRADE ONLY: MD 60 D AND F. FOR TOKENS OF LIKE VALUE.

GEORGE J. FULD - P.O. Box 6047 - BALTIMORE 31, MD.

I HAVE ALL COPIES OF THE FARE BOX FROM 1947 TO 1960. ALSO BOTH OLD ATWOOD CHECK LISTS, 1948 AND 1952 EDITIONS. WHAT AM I OFFERED? = M.B. McROBIE - 1073 PITKIN AVENUE - AKRON 10, OHIO

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE PLUS A STAMPED ENVELOPE: NH 240 A, 640 A,J, 835 A.

DONALD N. MAZEAU - 155 BORRMANN ROAD - EAST HAVEN, CONN.

WANTED: DELA 900 A,B,F,H,J; ME 40 A,B, 80 A, 480 A,B, 550 A, 710 B, 740 A, 930 A; NEV 100 A,B; NH 500 B,C, 520 A,B, 640 B,C, D,E,F,G,H,I, 700 A, 835 A; VT 60 A,B, 150 A, 180 A, 520 A, 700 B. FOR SALE: 8 DIFF. TRANSP. TOKENS \$1 POSTPAID, FEW LOTS LEFT GEORGE W. DIEHL - FORT LOUDON, PENNA.

AUCTION, DEADLINE 10 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE FARE BOX: ALA 750 B ALASKA 300 H; CAL 450 I, 775 A,B (975 A MIN. BID 50¢); CONN 560 I; IDA 640 B; KAN 490 A; MICH 470 A, 680 Q; MINN 600 A B, 760 G MISS 460 K; MO 440 U; NY 70 A, 230 H, 715 A, 800 A; NC 630 A; ND 320 A B, 600 B (NO RIM); OHIO 230 M, 435 B, 440 C; SD 680 A TENN 540 C D; VA 600 B D I J L; WASH 340 A; W.VA. 830 F; WISC 40 H, 220 A E, 330 F, 360 E, 430 D, 440 A, 500 E, 680 B, 700 E G, 920 B (980 A SM. HOLE); BRIT. COLUMBIA 450 A B C D AS A SET. JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO STREET - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

FULTON, MO., DEPOTEL TOKENS. I HAVE AN EXTRA SET OF MO 350 A AND B IN NICE CONDITION. SO MANY HAVE BEEN AFTER ME FOR THESE TOKENS THAT I AM GOING TO LET THEM TO GO THE HIGH BIDDER--IN CASH OR TOKENS (PREFER GOOD TOKENS I NEED, BUT WILL LET THEM GO TO HIGH CASH OFFER IF NO ONE OFFERS GOOD ENOUGH TOKENS). SEE STORY AND LISTING IN NOV. 1960 FARE BOX. BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 30.

J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

MULE CAR TO RUN AGAIN IN ALBUQUERQUE

AN OLD MULE CAR, ORIGINALLY OPERATED IN THE 1880'S, HAS BEEN RESTORED AND WILL BE OPERATED IN ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION. THE CAR HAS PASSED THE YEARS SINCE IT WAS SUPERSEDED BY ELECTRIC CARS AS A CORN CRIB. NOW AFTER 75 YEARS IT WILL ROLL AGAIN--PULLED BY 2 HORSES...ON RUBBER TIRES.

= 11TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSN. =
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

THE FIRST BUSINESS SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:05 A.M. IN THE SOLARIUM ROOM, CURTIS HOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., BY QUINCY A. LAFLIN, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND GUESTS WERE PRESENT: ATWOOD, BAKER, MR. & MRS. BARNETT (AND SON ROBERT), BARRACLOUGH, MR. & MRS. BLACK, MR. & MRS. BUTLER, DOROTHEA CASE, MR. & MRS. CASSIDY, MR. & MRS. CHESNEY, MR. & MRS. CLYMER, COFFEE, DiMICHAEL, JAMES DONATO, FAUBERT, FREIBERG, FRISBEE (AND 2 GRANDSONS), IRVING GOULD, GERALD JOHNSON, CHESTER KRAUSE, KURTZ, MR. & MRS. LAFLIN, ADOLPH LARSON (& 2 GUESTS), MR. & MRS. MULLIN (& 2 GUESTS), RITTERBAND, LOLA SELLENTINE, GORDON SMITH, KENNETH SNYDER, VREDENBURGH, CHARLES GREEN, BOB KNOBLAUCH, CLAUDE THOMPSON & MRS. THOMPSON, C.W. CONGER, AND VARIOUS VISITORS WHO WANDERED IN TO INSPECT EXHIBITS.

THERE WAS A MOMENT OF SILENCE, AND A PRAYER BY THE REV. JOHN COFFEE, FOR DEPARTED MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES OF THE AUSTIN CONVENTION WERE READ BY MR. DiMICHAEL AND APPROVED.

PRESIDENT F. GORDON SMITH, NOW PRESIDING, APPOINTED MR. FREIBERG CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS READ BY MR. FRISBEE, ACCEPTED, AND TURNED OVER TO THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

A REPORT FOR THE FARE BOX AND ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE WAS READ BY MR. COFFEE, AND ACCEPTED.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS READ BY MR. DiMICHAEL.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM MR. CARR, MR. KIMMONS, AND A TELEGRAM FROM MR. WHITFIELD, WERE READ.

MR. COFFEE THEN SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CONVENTION:

- "1. EVERY MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO SIX LINES OF ADVERTISING IN EVERY ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX, AND MAY AVAIL HIMSELF OF THIS SPACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RUNNING AN AUCTION. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EDITOR, IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE, UP TO TEN LINES MAY BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.
2. SHOULD A MEMBER DESIRE TO PUBLISH AN AUCTION WHICH REQUIRES MORE SPACE THAN TEN LINES, HE MUST PURCHASE THE SPACE AT THE PREVAILING ADVERTISING RATES FOR MEMBERS.
3. UNDER THE ABOVE PROVISIONS, A MEMBER CONDUCTING AN AUCTION MAY SET HIS OWN RULES, SO LONG AS THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE CODE OF ETHICS, AND THE GENERAL HONESTY EXPECTED OF ALL MEMBERS.
4. THE PRESIDENT MAY, AT HIS DISCRETION, ALLOW FOR A GENERAL AUCTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL CONVENTION, TO BE OPERATED BY AN AUCTION COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED BY HIM. IN THIS CASE ALL MEMBERS WOULD BE INVITED TO SUBMIT LOTS FOR AUCTION; THE LIST OF LOTS IN THE AUCTION WOULD BE PRINTED IN

THE FARE BOX; AND 10% OF THE AMOUNT REALIZED FOR THE LOTS WOULD BE TAKEN FOR THE A.V.A. TREASURY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES INVOLVED IN OPERATING THE AUCTION AND PRINTING IT."

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. COFFEE THEN MOVED THAT THE CONVENTION RECOMMEND TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT \$30 TO \$45, AS OF NEXT JANUARY 1. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. HOWEVER, BY VOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO RAISE THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE TO \$60, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 1961. THIS MEANS THAT MEMBERS WHO WISH TO BECOME LIFE MEMBERS AT THE OLD \$30 RATE MUST DO SO BY OCTOBER 15.

MR. RITTERBAND MOVED THAT MONEY RECEIVED AS LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES BE KEPT SEPARATELY, AND THAT NOT MORE THAN 10% OF THE PRINCIPLE BE SPENT IN ANY ONE YEAR, PLUS THE INTEREST. THIS WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, AND MR. FRISBEE HAS SINCE REPORTED THAT LIFE MEMBERSHIP MONEY HAS BEEN PLACED IN A SEPARATE ACCT.

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RECEIVED FROM MR. KENNETH SMITH WAS THEN READ AND SUBMITTED TO THE CONVENTION. THE AMENDMENT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PRINTED CATALOGUES OF THE VARIOUS TOKENS COLLECTED FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION LABEL BE LABELED TRANSPORTATION TOKENS OF THE WORLD AND PRINTED IN NUMBERED VOLUMES WITH VOLUME 1 BEING ALWAYS RESERVED FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

MUCH DISCUSSION ENSUED, DURING WHICH IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THIS AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF REMOVING MR. ATWOOD'S NAME FROM THE TITLE OF THE PRESENT CATALOGUE, AND THAT IT WOULD REMOVE THE CANADIAN LISTINGS FROM THE PRESENT BOOK. IT WAS FINALLY VOTED TO EXPRESS THANKS TO MR. SMITH, BUT TO TABLE HIS AMENDMENT INDEFINITELY WITH NO ACTION. MEMBERS WERE VERY DEFINITE IN THEIR FEELING THAT (1) THE CATALOGUE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE KNOWN AS "ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS," AND (2) THAT CANADA SHOULD ALWAYS BE LISTED IN THE SAME VOLUME WITH THE UNITED STATES.

MR. LAFLIN THEN REPORTED FOR THE ELECTION COMMITTEE THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE NOMINEE FOR EACH OFFICE, SO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTED THAT THE NOMINEES (THE PRESENT OFFICERS) BE REELECTED BY ACCLAMATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION.

DISCUSSION ENSUED RELATIVE TO HAVING MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE, BUT IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM IS THE MOST DEMOCRATIC.

MR. COFFEE THEN PROPOSED A NEW AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, AS FOLLOWS:

"ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1, IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 'THE ASSOCIATION SHALL MEET IN CONVENTION ONCE EACH YEAR AT A TIME AND PLACE TO BE DECIDED AT LEAST NINE MONTHS IN ADVANCE BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.'"

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT THE VALUE OF HOLDING CONVENTIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, THE AM-

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ENDMENT WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, AND SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

THE MEETING RECESSED FOR LUNCH AT 11:45 A.M.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:20 P.M., BY MR. SMITH. MR. FREIBERG REPORTED THAT ALL WAS IN ORDER FOR THE AUDITING COMMITTEE, AND HIS REPORT WAS ACCEPTED WITH THANKS.

MR. COFFEE, ON BEHALF OF THE SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CLUB, INVITED THE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ITS 1962 ANNUAL CONVENTION AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, THE FIRST WEEKEND IN AUGUST OF THAT YEAR. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE 1962 CONVENTION BE HELD IN SEATTLE.

A STANDING VOTE OF THANKS WAS THEN EXTENDED TO THE MINNEAPOLIS CLUB FOR THE SPLENDID AND EFFICIENT MANNER IN WHICH THEY HAD ARRANGED THIS CONVENTION.

THE CONVENTION ADJOURNED AT 3:22 P.M., AUGUST 5, 1961.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DANIEL DiMICHAEL, SECRETARY.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CURATOR

TO DATE, LIFE AS THE A.V.A. CURATOR HAS BEEN RATHER DULL, AND FOR TWO GOOD REASONS. NUMBER ONE, THE AVA DOESN'T HAVE MUCH MATERIAL FOR USE BY ITS MEMBERS, AND NUMBER TWO, THE FEW ODDS AND ENDS THAT IT DOES HAVE DON'T SEEM TO BE OF MUCH INTEREST TO THE MEMBERS. THEREFORE, I AM APPEALING TO MEMBERS TO HELP BUILD UP OUR MATERIAL.

AS A START, I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL:

1. EXTRA COPIES OF THE FARE BOX. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE ONE ISSUE!
2. A 35MM COLOR SLIDE OF EACH MEMBER (GET YOUR WIFE OR A FRIEND TO TAKE YOUR PICTURE).
3. PICTURES OF TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES THAT CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH SOME TOKEN OR TOKENS.
4. OBSOLETE TOKEN CHECK LISTS OR CATALOGUES.
5. ANY MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL PERTAINING TO OUR HOBBY.

I SHALL REPORT OUR PROGRESS (I HOPE) EACH MONTH. TO DATE I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION 153 COLOR SLIDES OF TOKENS, AND ONE PICTURE (THANKS, DON) OF A FERRY BOAT. NOT TOO IMPRESSIVE, CONSIDERING THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR SOME 13 YEARS!

- EDRICK J. MILLER, CURATOR
3257 IDAHO LANE
COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA.

= THE SECRETARY'S REPORT =

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 375 HARRY SAILOR - WARREN, MINNESOTA
AGE 48; RURAL LETTER CARRIER. COLLECTING 5 YEARS.
- 376 WALTER HINKLE, JR. - 1446 MONTGOMERY AVE. - MUSKEGON,
AGE 25; COIN DEALER'S HELPER. 100 TOKENS. /MICH.
- 377 GORDON M. MACLAREN, SR. - 296 HYDESVILLE ROAD - NEWARK,
AGE 54; OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST INSTRUCTOR. /N.Y.
- 378 MAJOR CALE B. JARVIS (RTD.) - 120 JAMESON AVE. - TORONTO
AGE 50; MINING EXECUTIVE. /3, ONTARIO
- 379 WALTER C. FRITZSCHE - P.O. Box 614 - TUJUNGA, CALIFORNIA
AGE 32; STOCK CLERK. COLLECTING 1 YEAR, 500 TOKENS.
- 380 CARNEGIE MUSEUM, SECTIONS OF COINS & MEDALS - 4400 FORBES
/AVENUE - PITTSBURGH 13, PENNA.
COLLECTING 25 YEARS; 500 TOKENS.
- 381 EDWARD V. WADHAMS - P.O. Box 502 - NOROTON HEIGHTS, CONN.
AGE 36; HEAD CUSTODIAN, PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF DARIEN
/COLLECTING 15 YEARS; 500 TOKENS.
- 382J PETER G. JACOBSEN - 468 E. MARIGOLD St. - ALTADENA, CAL.
AGE 19; COLLEGE STUDENT. COLLECTING 6 MONTHS.
- 383 MAX BABINGER - 30-05 29TH St. - LONG ISLAND CITY 2, N.Y.
AGE 59; MECHANIC. COLLECTING 10 YEARS, 250 TOKENS.
- 384 CHARLES W. DELK, SR. - 1329 22ND St. - DES MOINES 11, IA.
AGE 67; MAIL SUPERINTENDENT. COLLECTING 20 YEARS.
- 385 GEORGE R. EGGERS - 30-51 HOBART St. - WOODSIDE 77, N.Y.
AGE 45; ELEVATOR STARTER.

ADMITTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

L-160 WALTER J. VREDENBURGH

(Applicants proposed by :
Chesney 375, Marie Johnson 376,
Coffee 377, 381, 382, Pinkus 378
Tarantino 379, Bartley 380,
DiMichael 383, 385, Atwood 384 .)

REINSTATEMENT TO MEMBERSHIP

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 241 LCDR C.E. ALTHELM - 5401 MONTGOMERY St. - SPRINGFIELD, VA.
- 38 FLOYD O. BARNETT - 5425 PORTLAND AVE. - MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
- L-124 HAROLD FORD - 2227 DERBY, APT. 9 - BERKELEY 5, CALIF.
- 341 MARIE A. JOHNSON - 3306 So. 42ND St. - FORT SMITH, ARK.
- 175 SHERMAN A. MAHAN - 816A No. 2ND St. - YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
- 346 GORDON MEDCALF - 2227A KALAKAUA AVE. - HONOLULU 15, HAWAII
- 30 AUGUST J. NILSON - 326 N.W. 78TH St. - SEATTLE 7, WASH.

= AUGUST SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
BY RALPH FREIBERG

PENNSYLVANIA

EMLENTON 250 (REPORTED BY F. PAUL BIERY)
EMLENTON BRIDGE CO. 24 CENTS (WHITE 24)
B o V e 25 Sd [BLANK] \$3.50

WISCONSIN

EAU CLAIRE 180 (REPORTED BY HAROLD CHESNEY)
WOLF'S BUS LINE EAU CLAIRE, WIS. GOOD FOR
/ONE PASSAGE
H o A 31 Sd [SAME AS OBERSE] 3.50

MISCELLANEOUS TOKENS

GROUP 37 (REPORTED BY F.P. SNYDER)
GOOD FOR ONE CITY FARE
A WM 20 SM-SC GOOD FOR ONE ZONE FARE

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

THE REPORT THIS MONTH IS A BRIEF ONE; I JUST RETURNED FROM MINNEAPOLIS, WHERE EVERYONE HAD A GRAND TIME. I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER CONVENTION THERE IN ANOTHER 4 OR 5 YEARS. AFTER I GET ALL MY NOTES STRAIGHTENED OUT AND RECHECKED I'LL MENTION A FEW PLACES I VISITED, BUT AS THERE MAY BE A SCARCITY OF SPACE THIS ISSUE, I'LL SKIP THAT FOR NOW. I PROBABLY COULD HAVE INCLUDED 3 OR 4 MORE LISTINGS, IF I'D HAD ANOTHER WEEK TO WORK ON THIS REPORT.

FIRST OF ALL, ONE OF OUR NEWER MEMBERS, MR. BIERY, HAS TURNED UP ANOTHER OLD TOKEN. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE TOLL BRIDGES, BUT THERE WERE QUITE A FEW OF THEM IN THAT AREA OF PENNSYLVANIA. POSSIBLY THE A TOKEN WAS FOR A FOOT PASSENGER, AND THE B TOKEN FOR A 2-HORSE WAGON. MR. BIERY IS TRYING TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE BRIDGE.

HAROLD CHESNEY SHOWED ME THE NEW DISCOVERY FROM EAU CLAIRE. AT FIRST HE THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE THE C TOKEN AS THE INSCRIPTIONS ARE SIMILAR; BUT C IS SCALLOPPED AND H IS ROUND. WE MADE A CORRECTION ON C SOME TIME BACK: ON C THERE IS AN APOSTROPHE BEFORE 'BUS. THE H TOKEN DOESN'T HAVE IT. ALL I KNOW ABOUT WOLF'S BUS LINE IS A NOTE MR. NICOLSI GOT, THAT IT RAN IN THE 1920'S.

THE MISCELLANEOUS TOKEN MIGHT HAVE BEEN A PATTERN FOR SANTA MONICA.

NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION WILL BE IN SEATTLE, WHERE THERE IS A WORLD'S FAIR GOING TO BE HELD. CONVENTIONS ARE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO--ONE WAY YOU CAN MEET OTHER COLLECTORS. EVERYONE SHOULD PLAN TO GET TO A CONVENTION TO MEET OTHER COLLECTORS.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

IT IS WITH EXTREME PLEASURE THAT I EXPRESS MY THANKS TO ALL THOSE MOST GRACIOUS HOSTS WHO MADE POSSIBLE AN A.V.A. CONVENTION THAT WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED. PERSONALLY I ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE AND WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY FAVORS EXTENDED TO ME FROM EACH AND EVERYONE PRESENT. MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT THERE WERE NOT MORE MEMBERS PRESENT TO RECEIVE THIS WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT IF YOU MISSED THIS GATHERING YOU REALLY MISSED SOMETHING. ALSO IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, PLAN TO BE AT OUR FUTURE CONVENTIONS AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

- F. GORDON SMITH

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

I AM SORRY TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE NO NEW ISSUES TO SEND TO YOU THIS MONTH, ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE A COUPLE PENDING, AND PROBABLY WILL HAVE THEM TO SEND TO YOU IN SEPTEMBER. IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR EACH OF YOU TO CHECK IN YOUR RESPECTIVE CITIES... CHECK BUS COMPANIES, TAXI COMPANIES, FERRIES, BRIDGES, ETC. YOU MIGHT FIND A NEW ISSUE FOR US, OR EVEN AN OLDIE FOR YOURSELF.

A.C. TRANSIT OF OAKLAND IS LOOKING FOR A NEW CONTRACT TO CUT THE ANNUAL FUEL BILL OF \$500,000 FOR DIESEL AND GAS TO OPERATE 625 MOTOR COACHES. APPROXIMATELY 4,250,000 GALLONS OF DIESEL AND 500,000 GALLONS OF GAS, PLUS LUBRICANTS, ARE USED ANNUALLY....THE FIRST CAR FERRY IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PUT INTO USE IN SCOTLAND ON THE FIRTH OF FORTH ABOUT 1849.

WELCOME THIS MONTH TO ANOTHER MEMBER OF N.I.S., MR. GEORGE W. SCHROEDER OF FLUSHING, N.Y.

P.S. IF YOU AREN'T RECEIVING NEW ISSUES FROM US, YOU'D BETTER CHECK YOUR BALANCE.

= MAIL IN THOSE BALLOTS =

TOGETHER WITH THIS ISSUE, EACH MEMBER WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL BALLOT, ON WHICH YOU MAY REGISTER YOUR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ADOPTED AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION (SEE CONVENTION MINUTES ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE). THREE-FOURTHS OF THOSE VOTING MUST APPROVE BEFORE IT BECOMES LAW FOR US. THE MAIN ADVANTAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT IS THAT IT GIVES US MORE FLEXIBILITY IN CHOOSING THE TIME & PLACE OF FUTURE CONVENTIONS, AND MAKES IT POSSIBLE, SHOULD WE WISH TO DO SO, TO HOLD OUR CONVENTION AT THE SAME TIME & PLACE AS LARGER NUMISMATIC ORGANIZATIONS, THUS PUBLICIZING OUR HOBBY TO A LARGE GROUP OF POTENTIAL VECTURISTS.

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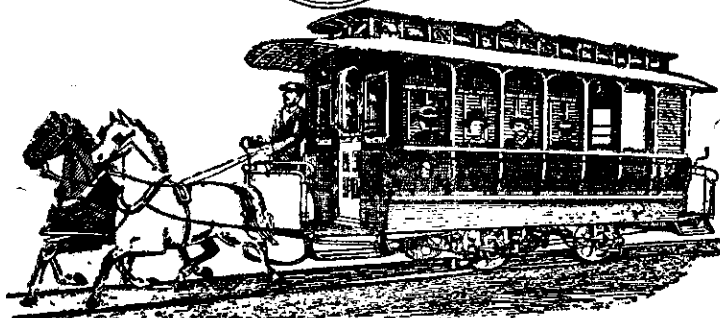
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WE HAVE JUST ACQUIRED OUR NEW MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE, AN A.B. DICK ELECTRIC, MODEL 418, AT A COST OF \$397.20. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST ISSUE PRODUCED ON THE NEW MACHINE. THE MACHINE IS A BEAUTY, AND ITS EASE OF OPERATION SHOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOUR EDITOR TO PRODUCE MUCH MORE IN THE FUTURE.

WE HAVE ALSO REARRANGED THE DESIGN OF OUR MASTHEAD, AND ADDED THE SIX LITTLE CARS AT THE BOTTOM. THE NEW ARRANGEMENT GIVES US MORE ROOM FOR NEWS, AND I BELIEVE IT LOOKS NEATER.

FLOYD BARNETT (5425 PORTLAND AVE. So., MINNEAPOLIS 17, MINN.) ASKS ME TO REPORT THAT HE CAN SUPPLY THE OFFICIAL MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPH, SIZE 8x10, FOR \$1.25. IF YOU'D LIKE ONE, WRITE TO HIM DIRECTLY.

HARRY BARTLEY SENDS INFORMATION WHICH CLEARS UP THE MEANING OF THE COMMENT "(CARS HAVE 1 AND 2 DOORS ON 165 AA)" ON PAGE 196 OF THE CATALOGUE. THERE ARE, HE EXPLAINS, TWO VARIETIES OF OHIO 165 AA. ON ONE THE STREETCAR SHOWN IS A CONVENTIONAL TYPE (WITH FRONT & REAR DOORS) BUT SINCE THE REAR DOORS DON'T SHOW UP ON THE TOKEN, IT IS CONSIDERED A "ONE-DOOR" CAR. THE SECOND VARIETY PICTURES A "PETER WITT" TYPE CAR WHICH HAS FRONT AND CENTER DOORS. IT IS CONSIDERED A "TWO-DOOR" CAR BECAUSE BOTH SETS OF DOORS SHOW ON THE TOKEN.

EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE WE HEAR OF SOME PROMINENT COLLECTOR CONTEMPLATING LEAVING HIS TOKEN COLLECTION TO A MUSEUM. PERSONALLY, I AM OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF GIVING TOKENS TO A MUSEUM. FOR ONE THING, IT TAKES A LOT OF RARITIES "OUT OF CIRCULATION," THUS DEPRIVING COLLECTORS OF ANY CHANCE OF EVER OWNING THEM.



IT ALSO BECOMES EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ANYBODY TO EXAMINE THE TOKENS ONCE THEY BECOME THE PROPERTY OF A MUSEUM. THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OWNS THE COLLECTION OF THE LATE BERNARD MORGANTHAU. IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THESE TOKENS YOU HAVE TO GET TO THEIR MUSEUM DURING VISITING HOURS, FIND THE RIGHT MAN IN, AND THEN AS YOU SUPPLY CATALOGUE NUMBERS HE LABORIOUSLY BRINGS OUT THE TOKEN FOR YOU TO EXAMINE. SOME YEARS BACK SOMEBODY LEFT A BEAUTIFUL COIN COLLECTION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY HERE IN BOSTON. I TRIED TO EXAMINE A COUPLE OF THE TOKENS IN THE COLLECTION, AND AFTER COOLING MY HEELS FOR 45 MINUTES WAS TOLD THAT THE TOKENS I WANTED TO SEE "HAD BEEN MISPLACED." IN OTHER WORDS, LOST OR STOLEN. IF A MUSEUM WOULD PUT THE TOKENS IN A DISPLAY CASE, I'D SAY IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO GIVE THEM TOKENS AS A GIFT. BUT MUSEUMS DON'T HAVE THE ROOM FOR DISPLAYS OF TOKENS; PEOPLE MOSTLY PREFER TO LOOK AT GOLD COINS AND ASK "HOW MUCH ARE THEY WORTH?" IF YOU WANT TO HELP A MUSEUM, I BELIEVE YOU'D DO BETTER TO AUCTION THE TOKENS TO COLLECTORS WHO APPRECIATE THEM MUCH MORE THAN MUSEUMS DO, AND THEN GIVE THE MUSEUM THE PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION. OR GIVE THE MUSEUM ENOUGH MONEY ALONG WITH YOUR TOKENS TO PAY FOR A PERMANENT EXHIBIT OF THEM. BUT THIS IS JUST ONE MAN'S OPINION.

INCIDENTALLY, SPEAKING OF "HOW MUCH ARE THEY WORTH?" IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, THE TOP BID FOR THE TWO FULTON, MO., DEPOTELS WHICH I ADVERTISED LAST MONTH WAS \$70.00. HOWEVER, I LET THEM GO TO SOMEBODY ELSE, WHO OFFERED ME TOKENS I NEEDED INSTEAD OF CASH.

DEPOTEL TOKENS ARE INTERESTING BECAUSE OF THEIR EXTRAORDINARY SIZE, AND BECAUSE OF THE PRIMITIVE TYPE OF VEHICLES THEY WERE USED ON. BUT FEW OF THEM CAN REALLY BE SAID TO BE VERY ATTRACTIVE IN APPEARANCE (EXCEPTIONS: THE ONES FROM GALESBURG, ILL., AND VIROQUA, WISC., WHICH HAVE PICTURES ON THEM). THIS IS PROBABLY WHY THEY ARE SO RARE. NOBODY BOTHERED TO SAVE THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE KIND OF UGLY TO LOOK AT...WHEREAS TOKENS WITH PICTURES OF HORSECARS ON THEM WOULD FREQUENTLY BE KEPT AS MEMENTOES. THAT'S WHY HORSECAR TOKENS ARE GENERALLY ONLY SCARCE WHILE "HOTEL TO DEPOT" TOKENS ARE NEARLY ALWAYS VERY RARE.... PLUS THE FACT, OF COURSE, THAT HORSECAR TOKENS, BEING USED IN LARGER CITIES, WERE MADE IN LARGER QUANTITIES.

THE OCTOBER FARE BOX WILL GO OUT ABOUT THE 20TH, WE HOPE. SO PLEASE HAVE YOUR ADS AND ARTICLES IN BY THEN. WE CAN ALWAYS USE ONE- OR TWO-PAGE ARTICLES ABOUT TOKENS.

I HAVE RECEIVED TWO CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICES THIS MONTH:

205 PHILIP EASTERLY - 4138 WOODBRIDGE - CLEVELAND 9, OHIO
269 JAMES G. TANNER TD2 - VP-49, NAVY #138, c/o F.P.O. -
NEW YORK, N.Y.

REMEMBER TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS PROMPTLY TO THE FARE BOX AND/OR THE SECRETARY OF THE A.V.A.

TYPES OF CELLULOID AND VULCANITE TOKENS

BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.

AMONG THE MOST INTERESTING, COLORFUL, AND VALUABLE OF ALL U.S. TRANSPORTATION TOKENS ARE THOSE MADE OF VULCANITE (HARD RUBBER) AND CELLULOID. THEY COME IN NEARLY EVERY COLOR IMAGINABLE, THOUGH MOSTLY BLACK AND BRICK-RED (WHICH WE CALL "BROWN" IN THE CATALOGUE). A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF THEM MAKES A FASCINATING DISPLAY. THEY RESIST THE ELEMENTS MUCH BETTER THAN METAL, SO MANY OF THEM SEEM BRAND NEW, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE MADE BETWEEN 60 AND 100 YEARS AGO. MOST OF THEM WERE USED ON HORSECARS AND BRIDGES, BUT A FEW ON THE VERY EARLIEST ELECTRIC AND CABLE LINES, AND FOUR VARIETIES (NJ 290 A B C D) WERE USED ON FERRIES. PA 385 A & B WERE USED ON A PLANK ROAD, AS WERE NY 595 A & B. IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CELLULOID AND VULCANITE, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT A VULCANITE TOKEN IS ALWAYS OPAQUE (YOU CAN NEVER SEE LIGHT THROUGH IT), WHILE MOST CELLULOIDS ARE TRANSLUCENT, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THEM ARE ALSO OPAQUE. VULCANITES ARE NEARLY ALWAYS BLACK OR BRICK-RED; CELLULOIDS CAN BE ANY COLOR.

I BELIEVE THE MOST DESIRABLE VULCANITE TOKENS ARE THOSE OVAL IN SHAPE. OFF HAND I CAN THINK OF ONLY FOUR SUCH TOKENS: PA 765 H I J, AND OHIO 165 I. ALL ARE VERY RARE. OF THESE FOUR, THE LEAST RARE (PA 765 H--THERE ARE 7 KNOWN) IS ALSO PROBABLY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF ALL U.S. TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, WITH ITS PICTURE OF AN ANCIENT RAILROAD CAR (NOT REALLY AN OMNIBUS) ON ITS REVERSE.

ANOTHER INTERESTING GROUP ARE THE CELLULOIDS WITH A PRINTED (RATHER THAN STRUCK) INSCRIPTION (GA 60 E AND ILL 150 H I). GA 60 E IS UNIQUE, FORMERLY OWNED BY ATWOOD, NOW BY FORD. IT HAS A PICTURE OF A TROLLEY CAR, AND NO OTHER TOKEN EVEN FAINTLY RESEMBLES IT.

SOME CELLULOIDS WERE PAINTED RED WHEN ISSUED FOR SOME REASON (CALIF 575 B, 715 E, 775 C; GA 60 F G). ALL ARE UNIQUE EXCEPT CAL 775 C, OF WHICH TWO ARE KNOWN.

THE MOST ATTRACTIVE "CELLS" AND "VULCS" ARE THOSE WITH PICTURES ON THEM. NJ 290 A B C D HAVE EACH TWO TINY FERRYBOATS PICTURED ON THEM. BUT EXCEPTING PA 765 H AND T, WHEN THEY HAVE PICTURES ON THEM THEY SEEM ALWAYS TO BE PICTURES OF STREETCARS. THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF CARS COMMONLY PICTURED: A HORSECAR WITHOUT THE HORSES (ILL 580 A, PA 750 L, ETC.), AND A TROLLEY CAR LIKE WE USE ON THE AVA SEAL, WHICH IS FOUND ONLY ON IND 20 A, IND 460 A B C, OHIO 440 A B C D E, AND VA 660 A. IND 930 A IS THE ONLY "CELL" OR "VULC" WITH A STREETCAR PICTURED ON THE OBVERSE. THERE IS ONLY ONE IND 930 A KNOWN TO EXIST.

THE LARGE "CELLS" AND "VULCS" (OVER 25MM) USUALLY WERE USED ON FERRIES OR BRIDGES, ALTHOUGH PA 320 B & C, AND 675 A ARE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS, HAVING HAD SPECIAL USE.

MANY OF THESE TOKENS HAVE DATES ON THEM. THE OLDEST IS MASS 970 A, FOLLOWED BY VA 580 A & B, AND TENN 600 A. THESE DATES ATTEST TO THE VENERABILITY OF THESE MOST DESIRABLE AND INTERESTING OF U.S. FARE TOKENS. THEY ARE COLORFUL ARTIFACTS OF A COLORFUL AGE...WHEN THINGS WERE A LITTLE SLOWER, AND PERHAPS PEOPLE WERE A LITTLE HAPPIER, THAN THEY ARE TODAY.

NEWS FROM THE PITTSBURGH AREA
BY HARRY C. BARTLEY

THE 3RD QUARTERLY MEETING FOR 1961 OF THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB WAS HELD SUNDAY JULY 16 AT THE HOME OF HARRY C. BARTLEY, 7012 OHIO RIVER BLVD., BEN AVON. ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER WAS VARIABLE EARLIER IN THE DAY IT TURNED OUT NICE AROUND 2 P.M. (MEETING TIME) AND THE GROUP WERE ABLE TO MEET OUTDOORS. FOURTEEN PERSONS IN ALL WERE PRESENT: 9 MEMBERS (MACKIE, DEVOS, BILL & CORINNE BLACK, FEISEL, OSCHMAN, DR. HUDSON, McROBIE, AND YOUR CORRESPONDENT) PLUS MRS. DEVOS, MRS. McROBIE, AND MRS. BARTLEY. SPECIAL GUESTS FOR THE DAY WERE MRS. LUCY A. KELLY, SECRETARY OF THE NEWLY-FORMED MEDAL AND TOKEN SOCIETY, AND HER HUSBAND JACK KELLY.

THE MEETING STARTED OFF ON A TONE OF SADNESS WHEN IT WAS INFORMED THAT ONE OF THE GROUP'S FOREMOST MEMBERS WOULDN'T BE WITH US. A LETTER WAS READ NOTIFYING THE CLUB THAT BILL CARR OF AKRON HAD BEEN TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL A FEW DAYS PREVIOUSLY SUFFERING FROM A HEART ATTACK. BILL AND MRS. CARR HAVE ATTENDED NEARLY ALL OF THE PDTC MEETINGS, AS WELL AS AVA CONVENTIONS. IN FACT THE OCTOBER 1960 MEETING OF PDTC HAD BEEN HELD AT HIS HOME IN AKRON. A GET-WELL-SOON CARD WAS SIGNED BY ALL PRESENT AND DISPATCHED TO BILL. WE SINCERELY HOPE HE WILL BE WITH US HERE IN PITTSBURGH AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING.

ALTHOUGH OTHER ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED, SUCH AS THE REPORT ON THE NEW TOKEN GROUP BY ITS SECRETARY, MRS. KELLY, THE MAIN ITEM WAS OF COURSE THE COMING CONVENTION OF THE AVA. THE BLACKS WERE THE ONLY ONES PRESENT WHO CONTEMPLATED THE TRIP, ALTHOUGH ONE OR TWO OTHERS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO DO SO, SO MOST OF THE REMARKS WERE DIRECTED TOWARDS THEM, SUCH AS THE CHANCES OF PITTSBURGH'S HOLDING AN AVA CONVENTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. LOCAL ITEMS, TOO, WERE BROUGHT UP AND DISCUSSED.

PLENTY OF TABLES WERE PROVIDED AND USED, BOTH FOR EXHIBITS AND BOURSE. DUANE FEISEL WAS ABLE TO TAKE MANY NICE PICTURES OF THE GROUP AND INDIVIDUALS WITH HIS POLAROID CAMERA (NICE BECAUSE WE ALL COULD SEE THEM IMMEDIATELY). NATURALLY THE USUAL REFRESHMENTS TOPPED OFF THE GATHERING, WHICH ALL AGREED WAS ONE OF THE VERY BEST HELD BY PDTC.

DUE TO INTERFERENCE FROM A NUMBER OF EVENTS IT WAS DECIDED TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE 4TH QUARTERLY MEETING FROM THE TRADITIONAL 3RD SUNDAY; THEREFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1961, AT THE HOME OF PROSPER E. DEVOS - 1448 ORCHARDVIEW DRIVE, GREENTREE. TIME WILL BE 2 P.M. DST (WE STAY ON DAYLIGHT-SAVING FOR ANOTHER MONTH). WE HOPE ALL WHO CAN POSSIBLY DO SO WILL ATTEND, AND BRING ITEMS FOR DISPLAY AND SALE. A CALL TO PROSPER OR A POSTCARD LETTING HIM KNOW YOU ARE COMING WILL BE APPRECIATED. ALL AVA MEMBERS, THEIR FRIENDS, AND THOSE INTERESTED IN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT OUR MEETINGS; IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO ONE BEFORE, BE DOUBLY SURE TO ATTEND.

NEWS ABOUT SCANDINAVIAN TOKENS

BY A.C. HAZEVOET

DURING THE FIRST WEEKS IN AUGUST MY WIFE AND I MADE A HOLIDAY TRIP TO SOME SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. WHEN IN THESE COUNTRIES I ALSO DID SOME TOKEN HUNTING, AND VISITED SEVERAL TRANSPORT COMPANIES, NUMEROUS COIN AND ANTIQUE SHOPS AND SOME COLLECTORS. AS A RESULT I RECEIVED MUCH NEW INFORMATION ABOUT A NUMBER OF SCANDINAVIAN TOKENS, AND I DISCOVERED MANY NEW TOKENS PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN TO US. SOME OF THE TRANSIT COMPANIES I VISITED WERE ONLY SMALL PRIVATE BUS COMPANIES, AND OFTEN THERE WERE LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE THEIR PEOPLE DIDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH OR GERMAN, BUT WITH SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCANDINAVIAN LANGUAGES I SUCCEEDED IN EXPLAINING WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION I WANTED, AND THEY WERE ALWAYS WILLING TO MEET MY REQUIREMENTS AND TO SUPPLY ME WITH A NUMBER OF THEIR TOKENS. A.V.A. MEMBERS INTERESTED IN THE TOKENS FROM THESE COUNTRIES WILL FIND A DETAILED REPORT ABOUT THE NEW TOKENS IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS. (ALL THE TOKENS DESCRIBED ARE IN MY COLLECTION EXCEPT THE FIVE ANTIQUE KØBENHAVN TOKENS (1863) WHICH I SAW IN A DANISH COLLECTION. THE NAMES OF THE CITIES ARE SPELLED IN THE CORRECT DANISH, SWEDISH, OR NORWEGIAN MANNER.)

AALBORG (NOW ALSO SPELLED ^OÅLBORG). IN HIS ARTICLE IN THE FARE BOX OF JUNE 1961, MR. BINGEN ALREADY MENTIONED THE TOKENS USED ON BUSES TO THE SUBURBS OF AALBORG. THESE TOKENS WERE ISSUED BY THE PRIVATE BUS COMPANY "SVENSTRUP BILERNE" AND THEY ARE USED ON THE LINES: (A) AALBORG-MARIENDAL MØLLE-GRØNNEVAENGE SKALBORG-CAMMEL HASSERIS-BLEGDALEN 1933-HUNDEKLEMMEN-AALBORG. (B) AALBORG-SVENSTRUP-SKALBORG-GRØNNEVAENGE-MARIENDAL MØLLE-AALBORG. THE TOKENS ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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| | AALBORG SVENSTRUP (2 5-POINTED STARS) | |
| 1. B 20 CH | [SAME AS OBVERSE] | |
| 2. WM 20 CH | " | " |
| | AALBORG SKALBORG (2 5-POINTED STARS) | |
| 3. B 20 Sq-sc | [SAME AS OBVERSE] | |
| 4. WM 20 Sq-sc | " | " |
| | AALBORG GRØNNEVAENGE (2 5-POINTED STARS) | |
| 5. B 20 Tr-sc | AALBORG GL-HASSERIS | (2 5-POINTED STARS) |
| 6. WM 20 Tr-sc | " | " |
| | AALBORG MARIENDAL-ML (2 5-POINTED STARS) | |
| 7. B 20 Dd-sc | AALBORG HUNDEKL-1933-KVT | (2 5-POINTED STARS) |
| 8. WM 20 Dd-sc | " | " |

AARHUS (NOW ALSO SPELLED ^ÅÅRHUS). ALL THE TOKENS 10 A THROUGH 10 AE PLUS 10 AX WERE USED BY PRIVATE BUS COMPANIES FOR THEIR LINES CONNECTING SUBURBS WITH PARTS OF AARHUS. "O. JENSEN" (FOR OSKAR JENSEN) ON 10 E THRU 10 H IS THE NAME OF THE OWNER OF ONE OF THESE COMPANIES. "BILRUTE" ON 10 J THRU M MEANS "BUS LINE." ALL THE OTHER WORDS ON THESE TOKENS ARE THE NAMES OF SUBURBS AND PARTS OF AARHUS. THEY ARE ALL ON A MAP OF

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AARHUS WHICH I BOUGHT THERE. TO THIS GROUP MUST BE ADDED THE TOKENS MENTIONED IN THE DANISH PAGES OF THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST AS FREDRICKSBJERG 240 A THRU G, BECAUSE FREDRICKSBJERG AND TRØJBORG ARE BOTH PARTS OF THE CITY OF AARHUS. THEY ARE AARHUS TOKENS, AS FREDERICKSBJERG (WITH A "J") IS NOT A CITY ITSELF. [FREDERIKSBERG, WITHOUT A "J", IS A MUNICIPALITY IN KØBENHAVN.] MOREOVER, THE FOLLOWING TOKENS MUST BE ADDED TO THIS GROUP:

AARHUS VIBY

o B 21 Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE](LIKE AE BUT IN BRASS)

IN 1934 ALL THE PRIVATE BUS LINES THEN EXISTING WERE TAKEN OVER BY AARHUS ELEKTRISKE SPORVEJ (LATER NAMED "AARHUS SPORVEJE"). AARHUS 10 AT IS NOW IN USE (NOT OBSOLETE AS LISTED). IT ALSO EXISTS SOLID (WITHOUT T-SC), WHICH IS AN ERROR AND COMES ONLY ONCE IN 100,000 TOKENS THEY TOLD ME. I WAS LUCKY TO OBTAIN ONE OF THESE VERY RARE ITEMS.

THE CITY LINES IN AARHUS (2 TRAM LINES AND SEVERAL BUS LINES) ARE OPERATED BY THE MUNICIPAL COMPANY, AARHUS SPORVEJE. A PRIVATE BUS COMPANY "DE BLAA BUSSE" (THE BLUE BUSES) OWNED BY JENS ABILDSKOU OPERATED THE BUS LINE AARHUS-HOLME-SLET-TRANBJERG, AND THE FOLLOWING TOKENS ARE NOW IN USE:

DE BLAA BUSSE (FOUR 5-POINTED STARS)

1. B 19 H-SC JENS ABILDSKOU (FOUR 5-POINTED STARS)
2. B 19 L-SC " " " " " "
3. B 19 J-SC " " " " " "

THE FIRST TOKEN IS FOR AARHUS-HOLME; THE SECOND FOR AARHUS-SLET; THE THIRD FOR AARHUS-TRANBJERG--ALL VILLAGES SOUTH OF AARHUS.

ESBJERG. THE FOLLOWING TOKENS ARE NOW IN USE:

ESBJERG OMNIBILER E O (THREE 6-POINTED STARS)

1. B Ov Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE](24x19MM)(VARS.)
2. B Ov Tr-SC " " " " " "

THE SECOND TOKEN IS USED FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO CAN RIDE AT A REDUCED FARE.

GRENAA. THE HARBOR OF GRENAA IS AT SOME DISTANCE FROM THE CITY; FORMERLY THERE WAS A PRIVATE BUS LINE CONNECTING HARBOR AND CITY, AND THEY USED THIS TOKEN:

GRENAA HAVNEN (8-POINTED STAR)

o B Ov Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE](24x19MM)

HORSENS.

HORSENS OMNIBUSSELSKAB (FLOWER)

o A 21 Sd [CITY ARMS]

I FOUND ONLY ONE OF THESE HORSENS TOKENS. WHEN IN HORSENS I COULD NOT GET DETAILS ABOUT ITS USE. THERE WERE NO BUSES OF THIS COMPANY IN THE STREETS, AND PEOPLE OF OTHER COMPANIES THOUGHT THAT IT HAD BEEN USED BY THE FIRM WHICH FORMERLY OPERATED THE CITY BUS LINES.

KØBENHAVN. IN 1863 THE BRITISH COMPANY "COPENHAGEN RAILWAY COMPANY LTD." OPENED THE HORSECAR LINE FREDERIKSBERG-VESTERPORT-ST. ANNAE PLADS. THE FARE FOR A JOURNEY FROM FREDERIKSBERG TO VESTERPORT OR FROM VESTERPORT TO ST. ANNAE PLADS WAS 4 SKILLING (ABOUT 2 DANISH CROWNS NOW); THE FARE FOR A JOURNEY FROM FREDERIKSBERG TO ST. ANNAE PLADS WAS 8 SKILLING. DURING THE FIRST YEARS THEY USED TOKENS WHICH ARE VERY SIMPLE IN DESIGN, AS THEY ONLY HAVE ON THEM THE NUMBER OF SKILLINGS WHICH THE PASSENGER HAD PAID:

1. oB 23 Sd 8 [BLANK]
8 (FOLLOWED BY THE GREEK LETTER BETA AND A NUMBER UNDER THE "8"--I'VE SEEN 7 AND 10)
2. oB 23 Sd [BLANK]
4 (ROUNDED CORNERS)
3. oB 0B Sd [BLANK](25x17MM)
4 (ROUNDED CORNERS)(FOLLOWED BY GREEK LETTER /BETA)
4. oB 0B Sd [BLANK](25x17MM)
4 (CLIPPED CORNERS)(FOLLOWED BY GREEK LETTER BETA)
5. oB 0B Sd [BLANK](29x19MM)

THESE TOKENS ARE EXTREMELY RARE. A DANISH COLLECTOR WAS KIND ENOUGH TO SHOW ME THE SET IN HIS COLLECTION. LATER ON THESE TOKENS WERE REPLACED BY PAPER TICKETS. IN 1866 THE WHOLE UNDERTAKING WAS TAKEN OVER BY "KJØBENHAVNS SPORVEI-SELSKAB," WHICH USED THE FOLLOWING TOKEN IN THE PERIOD 1875-1898:

KIOBENHAVNS SPORVEI VIBH (INCUSE NUMBERS)

oB 24 Sd [BLANK]

I HAVE ONE OF THESE TOKENS WITH THE INCUSE NUMBER "10," AND IN A DANISH COLLECTION I SAW ONE WITH "11." IT IS SAID THAT THE NUMERALS 1 THRU 12 EXIST.

KOLDING. FOR THE CITY BUSES THE FOLLOWING TOKEN IS NOW IN USE:

KOLDING BYBUSSER (TWO 5-POINTED STARS)

B 20 K-SC [SAME AS OBVERSE]

ODENSE. A TENTH TOKEN MUST BE ADDED TO THE NINE ODENSE TOKENS LISTED IN THE DANISH PAGES OF THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST:

ODENSE SPORVEJ (FLEUR-DE-LIS)
B 20 Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE]

THERE EXIST VARIETIES OF ODENSE 640 H. BEFORE JULY 1, 1952, THERE WERE TWO TRANSIT COMPANIES IN ODENSE: (A) ODENSE SPORVEJ (ORIGINALLY NAMED "ODENSE ELEKTRISKE SPORVEJ") WHICH USED 640 A B C G H AND THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NEW TOKEN. (B) ODENSE OMNIBUS A/S, WHICH USED 640 D E F. ON JULY 1, 1952, ODENSE SPORVEJ TOOK OVER ALL THE LINES OF ODENSE OMNIBUS A/S AND THE NAME OF THE COMPANY WAS CHANGED AT THE SAME TIME TO "ODENSE BYTRAFIK A/S," WHICH HAS SIX BUS LINES IN ODENSE NOW, AND WHICH USES 640 I NOW (SO IT IS NO LONGER OBSOLETE).

RANDERS. THE FOLLOWING RANDERS TOKENS EXIST:

- RANDERS OMNIBILER (8-POINTED STAR)
1. oB 19 Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE]
2. oB 19 CH " " "
RANDERS BYOMNIBUS (FISH)
3. oB 20 Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE]
RANDERS BYOMNIBUS
4. B 19 E-SC [SAME AS OBVERSE]

RANDERS BYOMNIBUSSER A/S OPERATES 7 BUS LINES IN THE CITY AND SUBURBS OF RANDERS. No. 4 IS NOW IN USE. THE "E" STANDS FOR "ENEVOLDSEN," THE NAME OF THE OWNER OF THE FIRM.

HAUGESUND (NORWAY). THE "HAUGESUND BUSS-SELSKAP" USES THE FOLLOWING TOKENS NOW:

- HAUGESUND BUSS-SELSKAP V
1. B 20 Sd BUSSMERKE ENKEL TUR H B S
2. B 20 CH " " "
HAUGESUND BUSS-SELSKAP B
3. WM 19 Sd BUSSMERKE ENKEL TUR H B S

THE FIRST TWO TOKENS ARE FOR ADULTS; THE SOLID TOKEN IS SOLD WITH A REBATE, THE CENTER-HOLED TOKEN IS SOLD BY WAY OF CHANGE MACHINES IN THE BUSES (NO REBATE). THE 3RD TOKEN IS FOR CHILDREN (SOLD WITH A REBATE). THE FIRM STARTED USING THESE TOKENS IN DECEMBER, 1956. NO OTHER TOKENS ARE USED IN HAUGESUND.

HELSINGBORG (SWEDEN). THE FOLLOWING TOKENS MUST BE ADDED:

- HAMNFARJAN "KVICK" 3 ORE
1. B 21 St-SC [BLANK](LIKE 300 A BUT IN BRASS)

- H.S.S. OMNIBUS POLLETT FOR BARN
 2. oK Tr Tr-sc (RV 705)(26.24MM)(ROUNDED CORNERS)
 /(LIKE 300 E BUT TR-SC)
 HALSINGBORGS STADS SPARVAGAR H S S
 3. oB 26 Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE]
 4. oB 26 CH " " "
 HALSINGBORGS STADS SPARVAGAR POLLETT FOR VUXEN
 /H S S
 5. B 19 Sd FORSAKRA I FYLGIA GRUNDAT 1881

No. 5 IS IN USE NOW (FOR ADULTS); 300 BD IS IN USE NOW FOR CHILDREN (NO LONGER OBSOLETE AS LISTED). WHEN VISITING THE CASTLE "KARNAN" IN HELSINGBORG, I WAS MUCH SURPRISED TO DISCOVER THAT THE TOKENS OF HELSINGBORG 300 AX AND AZ ARE USED NOW FOR THE ELEVATOR IN THIS CASTLE.

IN A SWEDISH COIN SHOP I OBTAINED A BIG BUNCH OF SWEDISH TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. AMONG THEM WERE SEVERAL TOKENS WHICH WERE UNKNOWN TO US. I REGRET THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO VISIT ALL THE SWEDISH CITIES WHERE THESE TOKENS ARE IN USE (OR HAVE BEEN IN USE). THEREFORE I CANNOT GIVE FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING NEW SWEDISH TOKENS (ALL UNLISTED IN THE SWEDISH PAGES OF THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST):

KARLSTAD

- KARLSTADS BUSS AB POLLETT (ARMS)
 B 18 Sd (RV 705)

LANDSKRONA

- A.B. LINJEBUSS STADSTRAFIK 20 POLLETT
 1. A 25 Sd (RV 705)
 A.B. LINJEBUSS STADSTRAFIK 30 POLLETT
 2. B 25 Sd (RV 705)

LUND

- STADSBUSSARNA LUND POLLETT FOR VUXEN
 1. B 25 Sd SCANDINAVISKA BANKEN LUND ALLT I BANKVAG
 2. B 25 Sd APOTEKARE FREDRIK ANDERSSON PARFYMERI
 /KLOSTERG. 14 STORTORGET 8
 3. B 25 Sd LINJE BUSS (ARROW)

No. 1 IS LIKE 490 A, BUT "STADSBUSSARNA" INSTEAD OF "A.-B. STADSOMNIBUSSARNA."

MOTALA

- MOTALA STADS . TRAFIK A-B
 B 19 CH (SHIELD WITH CITY ARMS)

OREBRO

AKTIEBOLAGET OMNIBUS OREBRO POLETT FOR VUXEN
B 23 Sd OREBRO FORSAKRINGSBYRA OREBRO SJO- & BRAND-
/FORSAKRA I OCEAN STORGAT.23 TEL. 38 (Sc)

SUNDSVALL

SUNDSVALLS OMNIBUS A-B
B 20 Sd (SHIELD WITH CITY ARMS)

UPSALA

- UPPSALA STADS TRAFIK - AB (LARGE LETTERS)
1. B 18 Hx-SC [SAME AS OBVERSE]
UPPSALA STADS TRAFIK AB (SMALL LETTERS)
2. B 18 Hx-SC [SAME AS OBVERSE]

VASTERÅS

OMNIBUS A.B. VASTERÅS (M AND FLOWER)
B 18 Sd (RV 705)

THE BIG SWEDISH BUS COMPANY A.B. LINJE BUSS (WHICH OPERATES A BUS LINE FOR TOURISTS FROM STOCKHOLM TO PARIS) ALSO OPERATES THE CITY LINES IN SOME OF THE SMALLER SWEDISH CITIES WHERE NO LOCAL BUS COMPANY EXISTS (SEE THE TWO LANDSKRONA TOKENS). THEREFORE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE TOKENS ARE ALSO USED IN SOME OTHER SWEDISH CITIES (THE NAME OF THE CITY IS NOT MENTIONED ON THE TOKENS). THE THIRD NEW LUND TOKEN IS ALSO A LINJE BUSS TOKEN.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

THINGS ARE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN. THIS MONTH YOU WILL RECEIVE FIVE NEW ISSUES, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A SIXTH ONE (AT THIS TIME I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE TOKENS GA 630 C). IF I DON'T RECEIVE THEM IN TIME IT WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN OCTOBER. THE FOLLOWING YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS MONTH: ALA 120 J AND K. THE J TOKEN WAS FIRST PUT INTO USE AUGUST 1, 1961, THE K ON SEPTEMBER 5. MINN 210 C, THANKS TO BOB BUTLER FOR OBTAINING THEM FOR US. IT WAS FIRST USED IN JUNE, 1960. WISC 320 A AND 530 A (NOTE THAT 530 A IS ALREADY LISTED, AND OF COURSE THE LISTED PRICE WILL BE DELETED). THANKS TO RALPH FREIBERG FOR GETTING THESE TWO FOR US. THAT'S IT FOR THIS MONTH. I'M WORKING ON A COUPLE OF OTHERS FOR OCTOBER. AND THIS MONTH WE WELCOME ANOTHER NEW MEMBER TO THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE, MR. THOMAS A. DOMHOFF OF ROCHESTER, N.Y. WELCOME TO THE FOLD!

WAUKEGAN-NORTH CHICAGO TRANSIT CO. HAS UPPED FARES FROM 23¢ TO 25¢ AND TOKENS FROM 5/\$1 TO 5/\$1.15; KIDS' FARES FROM 10 TO 13¢.

FOR SALE AT CATALOG: FLA 370 A; MASS 355 C; NJ 30 A; NY 70 A; PA 455 H. = A.A. GIBBONS - 300 LENOX ROAD - BROOKLYN 26, N.Y. HAVE 50 TOKENS OF DIFFERENT COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN PLATED BY MISTAKE, ALSO TICKETS, SALES TAX TOKENS, AND WOODEN ADVERTISING PENCILS.

M.B. McROBIE - 1073 PITKIN AVENUE - AKRON 10, OHIO
ANTIQUE, ANYONE? I HAVE A 1948 ATWOOD'S CATALOG WHICH SOME OTHER COLLECTOR MIGHT ENJOY NOW. HOUSED IN THREE 5x7 LEATHERETTE RING BINDERS, IT IS IN GOOD CONDITION, WITH NUMEROUS PENCILED NOTATIONS. YOUR FOR \$2.50 CASH, TO COVER MY COSTS ON THE BINDERS AND SHIPPING.

ROBERT RITTERBAND - 6576 COLGATE AVE. - LOS ANGELES 48, CAL.
NEW MEMBERS WANT TO BUY U.S. PARKING TOKENS AND U.S. & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS AND WHOLE CANADIAN BUS TICKETS. SEND THE NUMBERS AND PRICE FOR HUNDRED AND MORE TO
O. ST. AUBIN - 520 COTE VERTU - CITE ST. LAURENT 9, QUEBEC
20 DIFFERENT TRANSPORTATION TOKENS FOR \$1 AND 2 LOOSE 4¢ STAMPS I CAN FILL 20 ORDERS, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. ALSO HAVE 1841 POLITICAL TOKEN (VAN BUREN) TO TRADE FOR A TRANSPORTATION TOKEN OF EQUAL VALUE.

DONALD N. MAZEAU - 155 BORRMANN ROAD - EAST HAVEN, CONN.
SURPRISE PACKET: I HAVE 2 (JUST 2) PACKETS OF TOKENS, EACH CONTAINING 44 TOKENS ALL DIFFERENT, PLUS ONE HORSE CAR TOKEN (45 DIFF. IN ALL). \$4.00 EACH POSTPAID; FIRST COME FIRST SERVE
JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO STREET - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

WANT-LIST OF NEW JERSEY TOKENS: 20 A B D, 115 A B F, 185 A B C, 290 A B C D E, 310 A, 460 A, 555 A B E, 605 A, 675 A B C, 730 A B, 825 A B, 885 C, 945 A, 995 A, 997 ZC-6,7, 998 A B.
I WILL PAY WELL ABOVE CATALOGUE FOR THE NJ 555 TOKENS LISTED.

JACK NANNERY - 215 MAUJER STREET - BROOKLYN 6, N.Y.
WANTED: ARIZ 80 D E, 640 A, 720 A, 840 B; ME 40 B, 80 A, 480 B, 550 A, 740 A, 930 A; NEB 100 B; NH 640 C E F G H I K L; NM 40 D 100 B, 430 B C, 760 B C, 810 B C, 900 A; VT 60 B, 150 A C; SC 310 A, 240 C, 490 B C, 730 B. FOR SALE: UNC. 3 MARKS 1927 GERMANY (BREMERHAVEN COMM.) \$2.25.

WILLIAM R. TYSON - 406 KERSHAW PLACE, S.E. - AIKEN, S.C.
FOR SALE TO BEST OFFER, ZINC TOKENS A LITTLE HARD TO FIND: ALA 120 H (PLAIN); FLA 960 H (COATED); KY 80 B, 510 AL; NH 640 B (PLAIN); OKLA 860 I (COATED); PA 15 I; SD 10 C (PLAIN); WASH 970 B. PLEASE WRITE WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS ISSUE TO

MORTON DAWSON - 182 WHITING LANE - WEST HARTFORD 7, CONN.
FOR SALE, ADD 12¢ POSTAGE: ALA 560 FB; ALAS 450 AB; ARK 405 B, 480 O; CAL 240 A, 450 CA CB H J, 715 K, 760 FB; COLO 140 FA; CONN 290 H; FLA 380 B; IDA 100 G; ILL 20 B, 755 EB; KY 510 AP; MD 60 AC; MASS 115 M, 135 A, 210 A, 545 A, 630 B E; MEXICO 60 A B, 540 C; MINN 230 O, 540 K; NEB 420 D; NH 640 A; NY 280 B.
C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE STREET - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

FROM THE ATWOOD COLLECTION, TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER IN CASH:
(1) NEVADA 100 A AND B (AS A SET). (2) FLORIDA 130 A.
(3) VERMONT 150 A. ALL IN NICE CONDITION. BIDS CLOSE OCT. 14.
J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

SEPTEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM 120 (REPORTED BY NICOLosi & SCHWARTZ)

BIRMINGHAM TRANSIT COMPANY (STATUE OF VULCAN)

J Bz 16 BAR GOOD FOR ONE FARE BTC [2 SLOTS] \$0.25
 K Bz 23 BAR " " " SCHOOL FARE BTC [2 SLOTS] .15

GEORGIA

MILLEDGEVILLE 630 (REPORTED BY MAX M. SCHWARTZ)

PENNINGTON BUS LINE (BUS)

C B 16 BALL GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS)[2 SLOTS] .15

MINNESOTA

CRYSTAL VILLAGE 210 (REPORTED BY ROBERT M. BUTLER)

NORTH HENNEPIN TRANSIT CO.

C WM 23 CH GOOD FOR ONE FARE .30

ORTONVILLE 630 (REPORTED BY GERALD JOHNSON)

BERT RICKER BUS LINE ORTONVILLE, MINN.

A o A 26 SD BERT RICKER BUS LINE ORTONVILLE MINN. 3.50

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS 910 (REPORTED BY WALTER VREDENBURGH)

CHAIN OF ROCKS AMUSEMENT PARK BUS

/C.F. TRIPPE, PRES.

S o Fw 38 SD GOOD FOR RETURN RIDE FROM PARK TO CAR DEPOT
 T o Fr 38 SD " " " " " " " " " "

WISCONSIN

KAUKAUNA 320 (REPORTED BY KENNETH SMITH)

KAUKAUNA TRANSIT LINES (BUS)

A o Bz 23 BAR GOOD FOR ONE ADULT FARE (BUS) .15

MONROE 530 (RELISTED DUE TO CHANGE)

MONROE TRANSIT LINES INC. (BUS)

A o Bz 23 BAR GOOD FOR ONE ADULT FARE (BUS) .15

CANADA - MANITOBA

BRANDON 200 (REPORTED BY IVAN B. CLINE)

C. MACINTOSH 825 PRINCESS AVE. BRANDON, MAN.

D o A Oc SD GOOD FOR RETURN TRIP [26MM] 2.00

[LAST MONTH EMLINTON, PA., WAS LISTED AS 250. IT SHOULD HAVE
 BEEN 350, OF COURSE.]

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

HEADING THE LIST THIS MONTH ARE TWO TOKENS FROM BIRMINGHAM. BIRMINGHAM TRANSIT WAS ORGANIZED ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME IT ACQUIRED BIRMINGHAM ELECTRIC COMPANY. WHEN THE FARE REACHED A DIME ALL TOKENS WERE DISPOSED OF, AND WHEN FARES WERE FURTHER INCREASED, THEY USED TICKETS. HOWEVER, WITH THE FARE HIKE OF AUGUST 1, 1961, THEY HAVE RETURNED D TOKENS, ALTHOUGH THE SCHOOL TOKEN WASN'T PUT INTO USE TILL THE FIRST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, SEPTEMBER 5, 1961. THE REGULAR FARE WENT TO 25¢ WITH 5 TOKENS FOR \$1, BUT THERE HAS BEEN SOME OBJECTION TO THE FARE INCREASE, SO THE FARE HAS BEEN REDUCED BACK TO 20¢ TEMPORARILY. TOKENS, HOWEVER, ARE STILL BEING SOLD. THESE TOKENS WERE REPORTED TO MR. NICOLASI BY A FRIEND OF HIS, AND ALSO BY MR. SCHWARTZ, WHO HEARD FROM SOMEONE DOWN THERE WHEN THEY WERE ISSUED. THE DESIGN IN THE CENTER OF THE TOKEN IS THE STATUE OF VULCAN WHICH THE CITY IS NOTED FOR. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE PRECISELY THE SHAPE OF THE DEVICE IN THE CENTER OF THIS TOKEN, SO FOR THE TIME BEING WE'LL CALL IT A BAR. AFTER THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE SENDS THESE OUT, SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO DESCRIBE THE CENTER OF THIS TOKEN WILL BE WELCOMED.

NEXT A TOKEN FROM MILLEDGEVILLE, GA. MR. SCHWARTZ WAS IN ATLANTA FOR THE A.N.A. CONVENTION AND RAN INTO THIS ONE. PENNINGTON BUS LINE IS ALSO OPERATED BY A TRUCKING OUTFIT, AND WE ARE JUST HOPING THAT THEY WILL SUPPLY TOKENS FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. A PREVIOUS COMPANY IN MILLEDGEVILLE NEVER WOULD SUPPLY ANYBODY. MR. SCHWARTZ SENT A DOLLAR AND GOT 8 TOKENS, SO ALL WE CAN FIGURE FOR THE PRESENT IS THAT THAT IS WHAT THE FARE RATE IS. I'LL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION I CAN OBTAIN.

NORTH HENNEPIN TRANSIT COMPANY OPERATES FROM CRYSTAL LAKE INTO MINNEAPOLIS. THOSE WHO HAVE THE DECEMBER, 1950, FARE BOX CAN TURN TO PAGE 106 TO READ ABOUT IT. THIS IS ONE OF THE LINES I HAD HOPED TO RIDE ON MY VISIT TO MINNEAPOLIS, BUT NEVER GOT AROUND TO IT FOR LACK OF TIME. THIS LINE WAS SOLD A COUPLE YEARS BACK, AND MOVED FROM ITS FORMER LOCATION; AT THAT TIME I DIDN'T KNOW ITS NEW ADDRESS. I SAW THE BUS RUNNING IN MINNEAPOLIS, BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THE TERMINAL WAS. I GUESS THE BOYS UP THERE ARE LUCKY I DIDN'T RIDE THE BUS AND FIND THE TOKEN MYSELF, OR I'D HAVE GIVEN THEM A GOOD RIBBING! IN ANY CASE, THE TOKEN HAS BEEN IN USE SINCE JUNE, 1960, AND THEY WERE ORDERED TO SUPPLEMENT THE OTHER 23MM TOKEN THEY HAVE. FARE IS 30¢ OR 4 TOKENS FOR \$1.10. BOB BUTLER SAVED THE DAY; SOMEONE MENTIONED IT TO HIM AND HE WENT OVER AND GOT THE TOKENS. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW MANY COLLECTORS WERE IN MINNEAPOLIS FOR THE CONVENTION, BUT ANYONE COULD HAVE RIDDEN THE BUS AND ACCIDENTALLY DISCOVERED THIS TOKEN! SO IT PAYS TO CHECK IF ANY COMPANY HAS A NEW TOKEN. SOONER OR LATER WE GENERALLY RUN INTO THE 16MM ONES, BUT THIS DOESN'T ALWAYS HAPPEN ON THE LARGER 23MM ONES. (SEE MY REMARKS LATER ON ABOUT WISCONSIN TOKENS.)

GERALD JOHNSON SHOWED UP AT THE CONVENTION WITH THE DEPOTEL

FROM ORTONVILLE, AND BOB BUTLER MADE A SPECIAL TRIP OVER TO ORTONVILLE TO SEE WHAT HE COULD FIND OUT. HE LEARNED THAT THE BERT RICKER BUS LINE WAS IN OPERATION AT LEAST 60 YEARS AGO; IT WAS A HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE HAVING A LONG SEAT ALONG EACH OF TWO SIDES AND A BAGGAGE RACK ON THE ROOF. IT WAS IN SERVICE BETWEEN THE DEPOT AND THE COLUMBIAN HOTEL, SO THE TOKEN IS A DEPOTEL. RICKER SOLD THE LINE ABOUT SIXTY YEARS AGO TO ANOTHER PARTY AND MOVED TO ANOTHER CITY, AND SINCE HAS DIED. TWO OTHER PARTIES WHO OPERATED THE LINE SINCE RICKER USED ONLY CASH FARES. TODAY THERE IS NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN ORTONVILLE.

IN ST. LOUIS THE CHAIN OF ROCKS PARK IS IN THE NORTHERN SECTION OF THE CITY ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. AS THE BROADWAY STREETCAR DIDN'T RUN OUT ALL THE WAY TO THE PARK, THIS LITTLE LINE WAS OPERATED TO CARRY PEOPLE FROM THE END OF THE CAR LINE TO THE PARK. PROBABLY IF UNITED RAILWAYS OF ST. LOUIS HAD OWNED THE AMUSEMENT PARK, THEY MIGHT HAVE RUN STREETCARS OUT THAT FAR. BUT THE PARK WAS BUILT LATER THAN THE CAR LINE, AND TRACK NEVER WAS EXTENDED OUT THAT FAR. HENCE THIS LITTLE LINE TO ACCOMMODATE PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO REACH THE PARK.

AS WE MENTIONED ABOVE, 23MM TOKENS DON'T GET AROUND AS MUCH AS SMALLER TOKENS, SO THERE MAY STILL BE SOME 23MM ONES WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT. THE LINE IN KAUKAUNA OPERATED IN 1949 AND 1950, AND WAS DISCONTINUED AFTER IT BECAME APPARENT THAT IT WOULDN'T SHOW A PROFIT. HOWEVER, THE OWNER OF THE LINE ALSO HAD SCHOOL BUSES WHICH CONTINUED TO OPERATE, SO HE WAS STILL AROUND, AND THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN THE OLD TOKENS FROM HIM. IT WAS ALSO LEARNED THAT THE SAME FELLOW HAD SOME OF THE MONROE TOKENS, WHICH HE HAD USED PRIOR TO RECEIVING HIS OWN SUPPLY OF TOKENS. THE MONROE TOKEN WAS USED IN 1948, ORIGINALLY. SEE NOTES ON PAGE 83 OF NOVEMBER 1949 FARE BOX, WHICH EXPLAIN HOW THE MONROE LINE FOLDED ON JANUARY 31, 1949. UNTIL LAST MONTH NO MORE THAN FIVE OF THESE TOKENS HAD BEEN FOUND, AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NO TRICK AT ALL TO SELL ONE OF THEM FOR \$5 WITHOUT BLINKING AN EYE. HOWEVER, RATHER THAN TRY TO SELL TWENTY OR SO OF THEM AT TWO BUCKS EACH AND KEEP QUIET AS TO THE SOURCE, WE ARE MAKING THEM AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE IN THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE AT ONLY 15¢ APIECE. SO NOTE THAT I HAVE RELISTED THE TOKEN AT THE NEW PRICE OF 15¢, INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS \$2.00. THIS POINTS UP THE DIFFICULTY IN PRICING A TOKEN WHEN IT IS FIRST REPORTED. SOME TOKEN MAY STAY RARE, UNABLE TO BE BOUGHT FOR FOUR OR FIVE TIMES THE LISTED PRICE; BUT OTHERS MAY BE FOUND IN QUANTITY, AND THE PRICE WILL GO DOWN. IN THE CASE OF THE MONROE TOKEN, THERE WERE SO FEW OF THEM THAT VERY FEW PEOPLE WERE HURT VERY BADLY.

I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT THE TOKEN MR. CLINE REPORTED, BUT IT APPEARS TO BE A CANADIAN DEPOTEL TOKEN. IN FACT, IF ANYONE CAN SUPPLY ANY INFORMATION ON CANADIAN TOKENS, WE'D CERTAINLY APPRECIATE IT. INFORMATION ON CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS IS SURPRISINGLY SPARSE.

WHEN I HEARD THAT THERE WAS A NEW TOKEN RATE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, I HOPED IT MEANT A NEW TOKEN. THIS COMPANY HAS CHANGED HANDS, AND IS OPERATED BY THE CITY, NOW CALLED SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH NOT USING TOKENS, THEY KEPT THE OLD ONES IN STORAGE. SO WHEN THEY WENT TO A TOKEN RATE OF 5/95 ON JULY 1, 1961, THEY SIMPLY USED THE OLD ONES. I KNOW A COUPLE OF COLLECTORS WHO HAD A QUANTITY OF TEX 810 F, WHICH THEY PROBABLY THOUGHT WERE WORTHLESS. BUT, LO AND BEHOLD, THE TEX 810 F ARE NOW WORTH 19¢ EACH!

AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION, TEX BARNETT AND QUINCY LAF-LIN GAVE OUT A NEW VARIETY OF THE ANOKA-MINNEAPOLIS 50 N TOKEN. AS THERE HAS TO BE FURTHER CHECKING OF THE VARIETIES, I'LL MENTION THIS LATER ON WHEN I GET MORE INFORMATION. IT SEEMS THERE WERE TWO MASTER DIES USED ON THESE TOKENS, BUT BOTH DIES WERE USED ON THE STAR-SC TOKEN. THE ONES THAT TEX AND QUINCY SAVED FROM REPUNCHING HAD A VERY SMALL STAR-SC; THE REST OF THE TOKENS HAVE A MUCH LARGER STAR-SC. SO NOW IF WE FIND TOKENS WITH THE LARGE STAR-SC WITH THE OTHER DIE, WE'LL HAVE STILL ANOTHER VARIETY. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, WE'LL MENTION IT HERE.

I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE TOKEN LISTED AS IOWA 230 K, AND NOW I FINALLY HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT IT FROM THE COMPANY. THIS TOKEN WILL NOW BE SHIFTED TO THE PATTERN LISTINGS. THESE TOKENS WERE SAMPLES, SUBMITTED TO THE COMPANY BY THE MANUFACTURER, FOR USE AS SCHOOL FARES. THE COMPANY WAS HOPING TO GET A 2/15 OR 4/25 SCHOOL FARE, AND WAS GETTING READY TO ORDER THESE TOKENS. HOWEVER, THEY ONLY GOT A 5¢ RATE, SO TOKENS WEREN'T NEEDED AND THE ORDER WAS CANCELED. SO IF ANYONE OBJECTS TO PLACING IOWA 230 K IN THE PATTERN LIST, LET ME KNOW.

WE ALSO HAVE A TOKEN LISTED AS OHIO 660 G. IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT THAT THIS TOKEN NEVER ACTUALLY WAS PLACED INTO CIRCULATION. LARRY FREEMAN HAS BEEN TRYING TO FIND OUT ABOUT IT. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE 24MM TOKENS OF THE COMPANY WERE THE SAME SIZE AS A QUARTER, SO WOULD FIT IN 25¢ COIN MACHINES, AND HENCE WERE WITHDRAWN FROM CIRCULATION. THEY WENT TO TOKENS JUST LARGER THAN A QUARTER, AND THERE ARE TWO DISTINCT DIE VARIETIES OF OHIO 660 F. THESE SCHOOL TOKENS SELL AT 8¢ EACH, BUT TO GET ANY INFORMATION FROM THE COMPANY IS LIKE PULLING TEETH. HOWEVER, HAROLD FORD PASSED THROUGH THERE A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO AND FOUND THE CASHIER IN A GOOD MOOD. THE FELLOW REACHED INTO THE SAFE, PULLED OUT ONE OF THE 660 G TOKENS, AND GAVE IT TO HAROLD. WE ARE ONLY GUESSING THAT THESE G TOKENS MAY BE USED WHEN THEIR OTHER SUPPLY RUNS OUT. FOR THE PRESENT, IT'S HARD TO SAY IF HAROLD'S G TOKEN IS THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS GOT OUT OR NOT. IF ANYONE THINKS HE HAS G, PLEASE SEND ME A RUBBING AND WE'LL CHECK TO SEE IF YOU REALLY HAVE IT. FOR THE PRESENT IT IS IN THE CENSUS CLASS, BUT WE CAN HOPE THAT EVENTUALLY IT WILL COME INTO GENERAL CIRCULATION.

I GOT TO SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, ON MY MINNEAPOLIS TRIP, AND

RAN INTO A FELLOW WHO HAD DRIVEN A HORSECAR IN THE OLD DAYS THERE. HE OPERATED A HORSECAR IN 1889 AND 1890 WHEN HE WAS 14 AND 15 YEARS OLD. THEN HE DROVE ELECTRIC CARS TILL THEY DISCONTINUED THEM IN 1933. HOWEVER, HE LEFT THE CITY FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS AFTER THAT, SO DIDN'T HAVE ANY TOKENS OF THE HORSE CAR DAYS, WHICH HE MIGHT HAVE HAD, IF HE'D REMAINED IN THE CITY. HE DID REMEMBER SELLING THE TOKENS, AND AS FAR AS WE KNOW THERE IS ONLY ONE OF EACH OF THE CELLULOID TOKENS IN COLLECTORS' HANDS [FORMERLY IN THE ATWOOD COLLECTION]. WE DID HAVE AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW THE TOKENS WERE SOLD IN ENVELOPES, AND HOW THE DRIVER NEVER ACTUALLY HANDLED THE TOKENS. HE SIMPLY SOLD THE ENVELOPES WHICH CONTAINED 25¢ WORTH OF TOKENS. THE PASSENGER WOULD PLACE THE NICKEL, OR TOKEN, IN THE FARE BOX HIMSELF. SO WAY BACK IN 1890 THEY HAD LOCK BOXES. THE COMPANY IN SPRINGFIELD HAS CHANGED HANDS AND NOW IS KNOWN AS SPRINGFIELD TRANSIT, INC., BUT STILL USES OHIO 830 F SELLING AT 5/95. OHIO 830 D AND E HAVE PROBABLY BEEN DISPOSED OF, SO MARK THEM OBSOLETE.

IN MINNESOTA I DID HAVE A CHANCE TO CHECK THE COMPANY AT ST. CLOUD, THANKS TO QUINCY LAFLIN WHO DROVE ME UP THERE. THEY ARE STILL USING MINN 730 G AND H, BUT WITH TWO SIZES THEY HAVE COMPLICATED BOOKKEEPING. THEY JUST HAVE TO TAKE THE DRIVER'S WORD WHAT REGISTERS AS A NICKEL OR A TOKEN. MAYBE WHEN THEY GET A FARE BOX WHICH REGISTERS A 20MM TOKEN OR A NICKEL, THEY MIGHT USE ONLY THIS SIZE. BUT 730 G IS NOW IN USE, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE IT MARKED OBSOLETE. EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE A STEEL ONE SHOWS UP, BUT THEY TRY TO TAKE THEM OUT OF CIRCULATION.

I DIDN'T HAVE THE TIME TO RIDE THE SOUTH ST. PAUL TRANSIT, BUT MR. LAFLIN'S NEPHEW VOLUNTEERED TO RIDE IT FOR US. HE FOUND OUT THAT 820 E IS OBSOLETE AND THAT 820 F IS NOW USED BY MAIL CARRIERS ONLY.

I'M NOT GOING TO BORE SOME OF YOU WHO DON'T COLLECT PARKING TOKENS, BUT I HAD A GREAT EXPERIENCE IN COLLECTING THESE. I'M MOSTLY INTERESTED IN WHERE SOME OF THE GATES ARE USED, AND IF THEY ALSO USE TOKENS. SO IF ANYONE SHOULD SEE A PARKING GATE BY A HOSPITAL OR A BANK, OR ANYWHERE, CHECK TO SEE IF THEY USE TOKENS TO OPERATE THESE GATES, AND IF SO LET US KNOW, AS WE HOPE TO MAKE A LIST OF PARKING TOKENS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

EL PASO CITY LINES HAS ABOLISHED 2/15 TOKENS AND GONE TO A STRAIGHT 10¢ FARE....THE OLD INTERURBAN LINE ONCE OPERATED BY B.C. ELECTRIC Co. IN VANCOUVER, B.C., MAY BE RESTORED TO OPERATION....NUECES TRANSPORTATION Co. OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., HAS UPPED FARES FROM 15¢ TO 20¢ AND TOKENS FROM 7/\$1 TO 5/90.... BRENTWOOD MOTOR COACH Co. OF CARRICK, PA., HAS UPPED FARES FOR TOKENS FROM 2/30 TO 5/\$1....TOLEDO, O., (COMMUNITY TRACTION) HAS UPPED TOKENS FROM 5/\$1.15 TO 5/\$1.20; CASH FARE CONTINUES AT 25¢.

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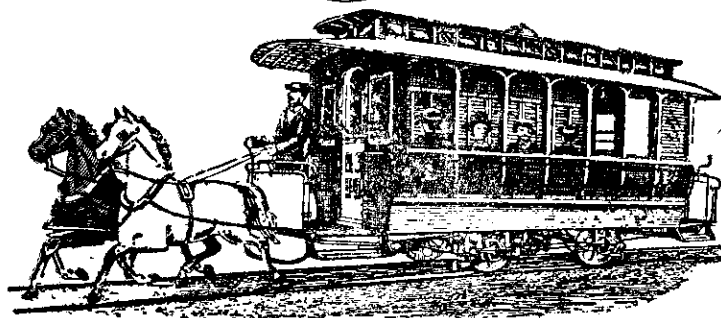
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WE RECEIVED A POSTCARD THIS WEEK FROM ROLAND C. ATWOOD, MAILED FROM BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA, COMPLETE WITH STREETCARS. HE SAYS HE IS THOROUGHLY ENJOYING HIMSELF, RIDING STREETCARS AND TRAINS, AND PICKING UP TOKENS.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN STATISTICS, THE PRICES REALIZED ON THE 3 TOKENS YOUR EDITOR ADVERTISED LAST MONTH WERE: NEVADA 100 A B, \$2.00. FLA 130 A, \$6.00. VT 150 A, \$4.50.

OUR PRESIDENT, F. GORDON SMITH, HAS COMMENTED TO ME OF HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE WELL-MEANING MEMBERS WHO ALWAYS INTEND TO ANSWER THEIR MAIL "TOMORROW." "TODAY IS THE BEST DAY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SAFE ARRIVAL OF TOKENS," HE SAYS. "MAIL CALL IS RATHER IMPORTANT FOR THE OTHER FELLOW AS WELL AS FOR YOURSELF. PROMPT REPLY AND PROMPT PAYMENT WILL ALWAYS BE APPRECIATED BY WELL-MEANING MEMBERS."

OUR NEW ELECTRIC MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE IS A JOY TO WORK WITH! RUNNING OFF A LARGE 16-PAGE ISSUE ON THE OLD MACHINE REQUIRED A WHOLE DAY AND A CASE OF FRAYED NERVES. ON THE NEW MACHINE THE SAME JOB TAKES LESS THAN AN HOUR, WITHOUT WASTING A SINGLE SHEET OF PAPER! THERE IS NO REASON, HENCEFORTH, WHY WE CANNOT HAVE 12 TO 16 PAGES PER ISSUE EVERY MONTH, AS LONG AS MEMBERS CONTINUE TO SEND IN MATERIAL TO PRINT.

WE STILL HAVE A NUMBER OF UNBOUND COPIES OF ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE FOR SALE TO MEMBERS AT ONLY \$5.50 POSTPAID. MOST ACTIVE COLLECTORS FIND THAT THIS LOOSE-LEAF EDITION IS HANDIER TO WORK WITH, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO ADD IN NEW PAGES, TYPE IN CORRECTIONS AND NEW LISTINGS, ETC.



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INFORMATION ON SUPREME TAXI TOKENS NEEDED

I PULLED A BONER; BY AN AGREEMENT WITH SUPREME TAXI SERVICE, A RECORD MUST BE KEPT OF ALL LETTERS & NUMBERS THAT APPEAR ON TAXI TOKENS. WILL MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING AT OUR CONVENTION PLEASE CONTACT ME: D 51, D 580, M 191, M 1317, S 500, S 462, F-149, R-115, R-113, S-955. INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE RECORDS. (THE NEW WR TOKEN IS NOW AVAILABLE.)

F.G. SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE ROAD - QUINCY 69, MASS.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CARRIES

Mr. QUINCY A. LAFLIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE, HAS REPORTED THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD TO RATIFY THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION OF THE A.V.A. THE AMENDMENT, IN EFFECT, GIVES THE OFFICERS THE DISCRETION TO DECIDE THE TIME & PLACE OF FUTURE CONVENTIONS, BEGINNING IN 1963. SEE AUGUST 1961 FARE BOX FOR THE EXACT WORDING.

NINETY-TWO BALLOTS WERE RECEIVED BY Mr. LAFLIN, AND OF THESE EIGHTY-THREE (83) VOTES WERE YES, AND NINE (9) VOTES WERE NO. THREE-FOURTHS OF THOSE VOTING, OR IN THIS CASE 69, WERE REQUIRED FOR RATIFICATION. THIS WAS EXCEEDED, SO THE AMENDMENT IS NOW OFFICIAL, AND PART OF OUR CONSTITUTION.

CALIFORNIANS GATHER AGAIN AT LAKEWOOD

THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS MET AGAIN OCTOBER 8 AT LAKEWOOD, CALIF., FOR THEIR 26TH SESSION. PRESENT WERE GALLAGHER, K. SMITH, RITTERBAND, ROSELINSKY, VON BOLTENSTERN, AND CUTLER. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE NEXT MEETING IN DECEMBER (10TH) WOULD BE THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR. SO COME ALONG AND BE HEARD AS THERE WILL BE OTHER ITEMS TO TALK ABOUT, SUCH AS DISPLAYS FOR THE COMING HOBBY SHOW IN LONG BEACH IN FEBRUARY. PLENTY OF SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE. Mr. RITTERBAND WAS PRESENT AND GAVE US INFORMATION ABOUT THE RECENT A.V.A. CONVENTION AT MINNEAPOLIS. THE 8x10 PHOTO OF THE CONVENTION GROUP WAS PASSED AROUND FOR ALL TO SEE. THE ATTC GROUP WERE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT THE CONVENTION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. TOKENS WERE AGAIN SOLD AS USUAL, AND THE MEETING CAME TO AN END AT 4:30 P.M.

- EDWARD M. CUTLER, SECY.

FOURTEEN PRESENT AT SEATTLE CLUB BANQUET

THE SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CLUB HELD THEIR ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MEETING AS A BANQUET AT ALKI HOMESTEAD. TEN MEMBERS AND 4 GUESTS WERE PRESENT FOR A VERY FINE DINNER, AFTER WHICH THERE WAS GENERAL DISCUSSION. MAIN TOPIC, OF COURSE, WAS THE COMING A.V.A. CONVENTION IN SEATTLE NEXT YEAR. PAUL FOUTS GAVE A SHORT TALK ABOUT RULES & REGULATIONS OF OFFICE EMPLOYEES IN 1872...RULES SUCH AS THE EMPLOYEES HAVING TO MAKE THEIR OWN PENS, GET THEIR OWN COAL AND WATER, AND REQUEST PERMISSION FOR ONE EVENING OFF PER WEEK FOR COURTING PURPOSES.

- CECIL G. JEFFERSON, SECY.

HIGHEST BID TAKES - DEADLINE NOV. 10: BRIT. COL. 700 A B C, 800 A, 850 B C; CALIF 450 J, 575 F, 760 D; CONN 305 K; HAWAII 240 C D; ILL 665 A; IND 660 C; LA 670 D; MICH 225 F; NEB 700 E; OKLA 320 A, 640 C; OHIO 860 G; PA 320 A; UTAH 525 C; WASH 525 C, 780 L N, 920 B.

WM. MAGEE - 1320 PANDORA AVE. - VICTORIA, B.C.

FOR SALE: SEDALIA, Mo 820 A, REV. B C & D, AND 820 B, SET OF 4 FOR 40¢ AND STAMPED ENVELOPE.

FRANK C. GREENE - 2838 FOREST AVE. - KANSAS CITY 9, Mo.

WANTED: CALIF 50 A B, 110 B C D, 125 B (PLAIN & Bz-PLATED), 275 D, 320 J, 445 A, 525 D (P&C), 575 K, 630 D E F, 705 A, 835 B (P&C) F, 975 A (COATED), 985 B E. WILL BUY OR TRADE.

PETER G. JACOBSEN - 468 E. MARIGOLD ST. - ALTADENA, CALIF.

DOES YOUR WANT-LIST LIST CALIF 760 I, Ky 480 A, OR ME 480 B? I STILL NEED MANY OBTAINABLE TOKENS FOR MY COLLECTION. I HAVE SET ASIDE MANY QUALITY DUPLICATES FROM THE FAMOUS ATWOOD COLLECTION TO TRADE FOR SUCH TOKENS. I WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE VERY REASONABLE OFFERS FOR SUCH TOKENS I NEED. HAVE BEEN SNOWED OF LATE BUT I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO CASH SALE COMMON DUPLICATES SOON.

HAROLD FORD, JR. - 2227 DERBY - BERKELEY 5, CALIF.

WANTED TO BUY: PA 195 L, 440 B. FOR SALE: PA 455 H (HAVE 15) AT 15¢ EACH, PLUS STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

MICHAEL SUPER - 3647 RAYMONN AVE. - BALTIMORE 13, Md.

HAVE THE FOLLOWING TOKEN FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: B 34 SD, OBVERSE: "ELEVATOR - ADMIT ONE - A.G.H." REVERSE BLANK. USED AS ADMITTANCE TOKEN ON AN ELEVATOR FROM STREET LEVEL TO ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL IN PITTSBURGH, Pa., 1909-1910. ONLY ONE KNOWN TO EXIST. ALSO HAVE MASS TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORY 1952 FOR SALE TO HIGH BIDDER. HAVE OHIO 10 R & 25 A AT 15¢ EACH PLUS POSTAGE PLEASE.

M.B. McROBIE - 1073 PITKIN AVENUE - AKRON 10, OHIO

FOR SALE OR TRADE TO BEST OFFER: WISC 440 G, DEPOTEL IN BEAUTIFUL CONDITION. PLEASE WRITE WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS ISSUE TO

MORTON H. DAWSON - 182 WHITING LANE - WEST HARTFORD 7, CONN.

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE PLUS 12¢ POSTAGE: ALA 560 FB; ALAS 450 AB; ARK 405 B, 480 O; CAL 240 A, 450 CA CB H J, 715 K, 760 FB; COLO 140 FA; CONN 290 H; FLA 380 B; IDA 100 G; ILL 20 B, 755 EB; Ky 510 AP; Md 60 AC; MASS 115 M, 135 A, 210 A, 545 A, 630 B E; MEXICO 60 A B, 540 C; MINN 230 O, 540 K; NEB 420 D; NH 640 A.

C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE STREET - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

PITTSBURGH ELEVATOR TOKEN REPORTED

M.B. McROBIE REPORTS FINDING AN OLD TOKEN USED ON AN ELEVATOR IN 1909-1910 AT PITTSBURGH, Pa. THE TOKEN WAS USED BY THE ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL WHICH WAS THEN, AND STILL IS, LOCATED ON THE SIDE OF A HILL. THE ELEVATOR OPERATED UP THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN FROM STREET LEVEL TO THE HOSPITAL; THERE WAS NO OTHER ACCESS TO THE HOSPITAL EXCEPT BY MEANS OF THIS ELEVATOR. MR. McROBIE SAYS HE WAS GIVEN THE TOKEN BY A FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO USED IT IN THE OLD DAYS. SEE McROBIE'S AD, ABOVE, FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE TOKEN.

A VECTURIST TOURS THE SOVIET UNION

BY FOSTER M. PALMER

YOUR EDITOR HAS ASKED ME TO WRITE AN ACCOUNT OF MY RECENT VISIT TO RUSSIA FOR THE FARE BOX. I DEMURRED SOMEWHAT, HAVING FOUND NO TRANSPORTATION TOKENS NEW OR OLD, AND, WITH MANY OTHER THINGS ON MY MIND, NOT HAVING WORKED ANY HARDER AT IT THAN KEEPING MY EYES OPEN. HOWEVER, I CAN SAY SOMETHING ABOUT FARE COLLECTION, AND COULD PROBABLY WRITE MORE ON TRANSIT IN GENERAL THAN YOU WOULD CARE TO READ.

WE FLEW FROM BOSTON TO PARIS VIA TWA SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 2. MY FIRST RELEVANT OBSERVATION WAS THAT INFLATION HAS KILLED OFF A TIME-HONORED PRACTICE. EACH TICKET ON THE PARIS METRO IS NOW GOOD FOR ONLY ONE RIDE INSTEAD OF TWO. INSPECTION OF TICKETS IS MARKEDLY MORE FREQUENT THAN IN 1957. TELEPHONE TOKENS ARE STILL USED IN FRANCE AND ARE SOLD AT THE METRO TICKET WINDOWS AMONG OTHER PLACES.

ON MONDAY WE PICKED UP OUR RENTED CAR AND HEADED EAST. THE FIRST FRONTIER WE CROSSED WAS INTO SAARLAND, POLITICALLY UNITED WITH THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC BUT UNTIL THE END OF 1959 STILL USING THE FRANC (OR, IN GERMAN, FRANK) AS ITS CURRENCY. I ACQUIRED ONLY ONE PIECE, 20 FRANKEN, MUCH MORE LIKE A GERMAN THAN A FRENCH COIN IN GENERAL APPEARANCE. WE HAD BEEN HALF A DAY LATE IN LEAVING PARIS, AND THOSE WHO KNOW ME CAN JUDGE OUR HASTE AT THIS POINT FROM THE FACT THAT WE DROVE THROUGH SAARBRUCKEN WITHOUT STOPPING TO RIDE THE TRAMS. AT KAISERSLAUTERN, OUR OVERNIGHT STOP, THERE WERE TROLLEY BUSES WITH A NOVEL FEATURE--A SEARCHLIGHT PERMANENTLY FIXED TO ONE OF THE TROLLEY POLES, FOCUSED ON THE SLIDE, TO AID IN CASE OF NIGHT DEWIREMENT. OUR NEXT DAY, ON HILLY, CROOKED BACK ROADS THROUGH BAVARIA, SHOWED THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF OUR CITROEN ID-19 AT THEIR BEST AND WAS TOPS IN PICTURESQUENESS--BUT NO TRAMS. HOWEVER, AT MUNICH THE DAY AFTER THERE WERE MANY INTERESTING TRANSPORT FEATURES, INCLUDING AN AUTOMATIC MACHINE ISSUING TRAM TICKETS FOR 25 PFENNIG AT BUSY KARLSPLATZ. (TICKET ISSUING MACHINES WERE ALSO IN USE AT CORNAVIN IN GENEVA IN 1957.)

IN AUSTRIA WE RODE AND PHOTOGRAPHED TWO SMALL SYSTEMS WITH CARS DATING FROM 1894 TO 1912, THE STRASSENBAHN IN GmundEN AND THE STRASSENBAHN EBELSBERG-ST. FLORIAN. EVENING BROUGHT US INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA (CESKE BUDEJOVICE; TROLLEY BUSES) AND THE NEXT MORNING TO PRAGUE, FULL OF TRAMS, THE OLDER ONES SOMEWHAT REMINISCENT OF VIENNA AND THE NEWER A MODIFICATION OF THE AMERICAN P.C.C. WE ALSO SAW THESE CZECH PCC'S MIXED WITH OLDER CARS IN OLOMOUC AND OSTRAVA. FOR SOME DISTANCE OUT OF OSTRAVA WE PARALLELED A NARROW-GAUGE INTERURBAN. TRAM TICKETS IN CZECH CITIES ARE GENERALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE TYPICAL OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA; THEY LOOK MORE LIKE TRANSFERS THAN TICKETS, AND INDEED MAY BE USED AS TRANSFERS.

IN POLAND WE SAW TRAMS IN BIELSKO, KRAKOW, AND WARSAW. MANY CARS IN THE TWO LATTER CITIES ARE SIMILAR TO THE GERMAN

KSW TYPE AND HAVE A LARGE OVERLOAD CAPACITY. A WHOLE CLASS OF WARSAW SCHOOL CHILDREN BOARDED AN ALREADY CROWDED SINGLE TRUCK CAR ON WHICH I WAS RIDING. SMALL PAPER TICKETS ARE USED. THE INTERURBAN FROM WARSAW TO WLOCHY AND GRODZISK USES CARDBOARD TICKETS AND, FOR THOSE BOARDING WHERE THERE IS NO AGENT, DUPLEX FARE RECEIPTS, BOTH VERY SIMILAR TO TYPES FAMILIAR IN AMERICA. THE NEW POLISH 2 AND 5 ZLOTY COINS, WHILE LIGHT METAL, ARE ATTRACTIVE AND SUPERIOR IN FINISH TO MOST COINS OF SIMILAR WEIGHT. ANOTHER NUMISMATIC NOTE FROM POLAND: AUTO INSURANCE BOUGHT IN KRAKOW HAD ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS TO BE PAID FOR IN FOREIGN CURRENCY, AND CAME TO \$10.02 U.S. FUNDS. HAVING NO U.S. CHANGE IN MY POCKET, I GAVE THEM A \$10 BILL AND A ONE, AND THE BANK HAD TO DIG UP 98¢ IN CHANGE. AMONG THE 18 PENNIES INCLUDED WERE TWO 1902 INDIAN HEADS.

ON MAY 16 WE ENTERED THE SOVIET UNION AT BREST AND DROVE ON THE SAME DAY TO MINSK, CAPITAL OF THE BYELORUSSIAN REPUBLIC. THE MODERN DOUBLE TRUCK TRAMS HERE, OF A TYPE WHICH WE WERE ALSO TO SEE IN SMOLENSK AND MOSCOW, REMINDED ME OF PICTURES OF MODERN JAPANESE CARS. IN MINSK AND SMOLENSK, CARS WERE A GOOD DEAL BETTER THAN THE TRACK. MINSK ALSO HAD SOME NEW 4-WHEEL CARS, BOTH MOTOR AND TRAILER. RUSSIAN TRAM TICKETS ARE THIN PAPER TORN OFF A ROLL BY THE CONDUCTRESS. THOSE IN MINSK SAY BSSR FOR BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC. THE STANDARD TRAM FARE, AT LEAST IN ALL CITIES WE VISITED, IS 30 KOPECKS (3¢ AT THE TOURIST RATE OF EXCHANGE). RUSSIAN COINS, INCIDENTALLY, ARE OF GOOD HEAVY METAL; THEIR NOTES ARE PRINTED CROSSWAYS RATHER THAN LENGTHWAYS AND HAVE THE DENOMINATION IN 15 NATIONAL LANGUAGES OF THE USSR. BOTH COINS AND NOTES COME IN SOME UNUSUAL DENOMINATIONS, E.G. 15 KOPECKS (USED IN COIN TELEPHONES) AND 3 RUBLES.

IN MOSCOW THERE ARE NO TRAMS IN THE VERY CENTER OF THE CITY, BUT MANY OUTLYING ROUTES. PRIDE OF THE CITY IS THE SUBWAY, ELABORATELY DECORATED AND IMMACULATELY CLEAN. THE MOSCOW SUBWAY WAS APPROXIMATELY THE SIXTIETH EUROPEAN TRANSIT SYSTEM I HAD RIDDEN BUT THE FIRST ON WHICH THE RIDER HAD NO TICKET IN HIS POSSESSION WHILE RIDING; TICKETS ARE TAKEN UP COMPLETELY ON ENTERING THE PAID PORTION OF THE STATION. EVEN THOUGH THE ROME SUBWAY HAS TOKEN-OPERATED TURNSTILES, THESE ARE COMBINED WITH A TICKET-ISSUING MACHINE SO THAT THIS EUROPEAN INDISPENSABLE IS PROVIDED. BUT NOT IN MOSCOW.

KALININ ON THE VOLGA WAS OUR NEXT STOP; HERE WERE MORE NEW SMALL MOTOR-TRAILER TRAINS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN MINSK. A BUILDER'S PLATE INDICATED ONE WAS BUILT IN CHELYABINSK IN 1958. TRAM TICKETS IN KALININ AND SMOLENSK DO NOT HAVE THE NAME OF THE CITY AND ARE SUBSTANTIALLY IDENTICAL. THERE WERE NO TRAMS IN NOVGOROD, A MOST INTERESTING HISTORIC CITY, BUT LENINGRAD IS A TROLLEY STRONGHOLD, WITH MANY LARGE MODERN CARS OF A DISTINCTIVE TYPE. THERE ARE ALSO SOME SMALL OLDER CARS, EVEN A FEW ONE-MAN WITH THE MOTORMAN, IN A SEPARATE COMPARTMENT, HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH FARES. PASSENGERS ARE SUPPOSED TO PUT THEIR

MONEY IN THE FARE BOX AND TAKE A TICKET. INSPECTIONS ARE FAIRLY FREQUENT. THE LENINGRAD SUBWAY HAS AS YET ONLY ONE LINE; THE EXCALATOR AT THE NORTHERN TERMINUS IS THE LONGEST I HAVE EVER SEEN, IN LONDON OR ELSEWHERE. ON THE LENINGRAD SUBWAY, THE PASSENGER KEEPS HALF HIS TICKET.

BY INADVERTENCE I INCLUDED A NEW HAMPSHIRE 240 A TOKEN IN A HANDFUL OF KOPECKS WHICH I GAVE TO A CLOAKROOM ATTENDANT IN LENINGRAD. THIS MAY EVENTUALLY FIND ITS WAY INTO A RUSSIAN NUMISMATIST'S HAND; WHAT WILL HE MAKE OF IT? WITHOUT THE COMPANION PIECE NH 835 A OR ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE, HE WILL DO WELL IF HE FIGURES OUT THAT THE PIERCING IS INTENDED TO REPRESENT AN A.

ON MAY 27, AFTER LUNCHING AT VYBORG, WHOSE TRAMWAY IS ABANDONED THOUGH STILL LISTED IN THE 1959 EDITION OF EARL CLARK'S DIRECTORY OF WORLD ELECTRIC LINES, WE CROSSED OVER INTO FINLAND. HELSINKI TRAM TICKETS ARE INTERMEDIATE IN SIZE, WHILE THOSE USED IN TURKU ARE OF THE TRANSFER TYPE, WITH A MAP SHOWING ROUTING IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT IN SOME DETAIL. PUTTING OUR CAR ON THE BOAT THERE, WE DISEMBARKED IN STOCKHOLM THE NEXT MORNING AND HAD TO VENTURE IMMEDIATELY INTO THE LEFT HAND TRAFFIC, THE DENSEST WE HAD SEEN SINCE PARIS. AS IN ENGLAND, THE LEFT-HAND RULE OF THE ROAD BOTHERED ME MORE AS A PEDESTRIAN THAN AS A MOTORIST. STOCKHOLM HAS RAPID TRANSIT, PARTLY IN TUNNEL AND PARTLY ON THE SURFACE, AS WELL AS MANY TRAMS. OTHER SWEDISH TRAMWAY SYSTEMS VISITED WERE NORRKOPING, GOTHENBURG, AND HALSINGBORG. GOTHENBURG TICKETS ARE SIMILAR TO PARIS BUS TICKETS, COMING IN A STRIP 50MM WIDE, EACH PERFORATED UNIT BEING 10MM HIGH. THE CONDUCTOR'S CANCELLING DEVICE PRINTS IDENTIFYING NUMBERS ON THEM. ONLY A MONOGRAM GS IDENTIFIES THE CARRIER. HALSINGBORG PROVIDED A SECOND EXAMPLE OF A TICKETLESS RIDE--FARE COLLECTION THERE IS PAY LEAVE IN FARE BOX; TRANSFERS HOWEVER ARE AVAILABLE.

SINCE HAROLD FORD HAS BEEN IN COPENHAGEN MORE RECENTLY THAN WE WERE, I WILL LEAVE DESCRIPTION OF THAT CITY TO HIM. HASTENING ON TOWARD THE END OF OUR JOURNEY, WE SPENT MOST OF A DAY IN WUPPERTAL REVISITING THE ALWAYS FASCINATING SCHWEBEBAHN (MONORAIL), WHICH LIKE THE PARIS METRO HAS TWO CLASSES OF TRAVEL. THE BERGBAHN, A RACK RAILWAY RUNNING PARTLY IN THE STREET WITH VERY OLD CARS, WAS STILL RUNNING. ON THE MAIN TRUNK TRAMWAY LINE PARTLY PARALLELING THE SCHWEBEBAHN, WUPPERTAL IS RUNNING SOME OF THE LARGE ARTICULATED CARS (3 BODY SECTIONS ON 4 TRUCKS) DEVELOPED IN NEARBY DUSSELDORF; ON THESE THE CONDUCTOR USES A TICKET PRINTING MACHINE.

OUR LAST STOP BEFORE REACHING PARIS AND TURNING IN THE CAR WITH 8440 KILOMETERS ON THE ODOMETER WAS AT LAON, WHERE VERY OLD CARS CLIMB OVER A PARTLY RACK ROUTE, INCLUDING A TUNNEL, FROM THE RAILROAD STATION IN THE LOWER PART OF TOWN TO THE HISTORIC CENTER ON THE HILL. JUNE 7 WE FLEW HOME NONSTOP. I BROUGHT BACK AN INFINITE NUMBER OF IMPRESSIONS & MEMORIES, ABOUT A THOUSAND PHOTOGRAPHS, NEARLY 100 TRAM & METRO TICKETS, A SIMILAR NUMBER OF COINS, AND ONE LONE TELEPHONE TOKEN.

AUCTION OF DUPLICATE TOKENS FROM THE ATWOOD COLLECTION TO BESOLD TO THE HIGH BIDDER. CLOSING DATE NOVEMBER 30, 1961.

THESE ARE SCARCE TO RARE TOKENS, CATALOGUING 25¢ TO \$3.50 EACH. I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID, AND SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO RETURN ANY TOKENS WITHIN ONE WEEK AFTER RECEIPT FOR FULL REFUND, NO QUESTIONS ASKED. THIS AD HAS BEEN PAID FOR AT THE PREVAILING ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE FARE BOX. SEND ALL BIDS TO J.M. COFFEE - P.O. BOX 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

ALA 40 B	IND 275 A	MICH 935 A	NC 290 C	TENN 430 A
560 A	275 B	[OLD DIE]	880 A	TEX 135 B
560 B	930 C	MINN 510 C	980 B	340 A
750 F	980 D	600 A	ND 260 B	255 C
ARIZ 680 A	IOWA 110 C	540 J	320 C	565 A
720 A	150 B	730 C	600 B	VA 620 G
ARK 435 B	KANS 30 A	760 G	OHIO 165 T	620 N
435 F	450 B	790 A	165 W	620 S
435 I	640 A	MISS 320 C	95 A	WASH 690 C
CAL 775 A	KY 510 YB	MO 140 C	125 A	720 A
650 A	510 H	420 B	125 B	880 A
998 C	510 I	440 T	440 A	990 B
CONN 345 A	510 O	440 U	535 B	W.VA. 200 A
525 A	510 P	640 A	600 A	200 F
550 A	510 R	880 A	860 B	WISC 40 B
FLA 540 A	510 Z	MONT 660 A	OKLA 700 B	170 D
GA 240 A	510 AD	NEBR 420 H	ORE 20 B	790 E
630 A	510 BC	NJ 20 B	20 C	WYO 100 D
IDA 380 A	MD 60 I	185 A	PA 25 B	100 I
ILL 195 B	60 J	NY 10 A	25 C	100 J
125 A	60 M	75 A	195 A	120 B
200 D	60 N	80 D	405 A	120 E
370 A	60 P	300 A	575 A	D.C. 500 E
470 B	60 AM	305 A	575 C	500 H
580 B	60 AO	629 ERROR	575 D	500 N
600 A	300 A	630 UC	605 B	500 O
760 E	MASS 45 B	631 L	645 A	ALASKA 300 F
760 G	50 A	631 M	645 B	HAWAII 330 A
768 C	MICH 80 A	695 A	725 F	330 B
795 G	605 A	785 C	750 V	PHILIP. 500 B
IND 500 A	605 F	70 A	TENN 375 A	UNIDENT. #4
700 E	845 N	NC 160 A	375 D	

IMPORTANT NOTE: SOME OF THESE TOKENS ARE BELOW AVERAGE FOR CONDITION: ILL 195 B IS WORN BUT ALL WORDING IS CLEAR; KY 510 H SLIGHTLY WORN; MD 60 N SLIGHTLY WORN; PA 405 A IS QUITE WORN, THE STREETCAR HARDLY RECOGNIZABLE; TEX 340 A IS VERY BADLY WORN. SO KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN BIDDING ON THESE PARTICULAR TOKENS. BUT YOU CAN ALWAYS RETURN ANY TOKEN IF IT ISN'T SATISFACTORY.

REMEMBER ALSO THAT THE CATALOG VALUES ARE RIDICULOUSLY LOW ON MANY OF THESE TOKENS, SUCH AS GA 630 A, MINN 790 A, PA 645 A B, ETC., ALL OF WHICH ARE VERY RARE ITEMS.

CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND 575 (REPORTED BY NICOLOSI NEW ISSUES SERVICE)
 ALAMEDA - CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT 1961
 O Bz 16 Ov GOOD FOR ONE LOCAL FARE (AC EMBLEM, BOTH SIDES)

FLORIDA

TREASURE ISLAND 930 (REPORTED BY HARVEY BERNSTEIN)
 TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA TOLL
 A WM 16 T-sc TREASURE IS. CAUSEWAY ONE WAY \$0.15
 B WM 22 T-sc " " " RETURN TRIP .15

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON 115 (REPORTED BY F. GORDON SMITH)
 SUPREME TAXI SERVICE WR- (NUMERALS)
 Y B Oc Sd [BLANK](INCUSE BLACK LETTERS ON OBVERSE) .25

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS 540 (REPORTED BY KENNETH SMITH)
 MINNEAPOLIS IND. EXPOSITION (BUILDING)
 A Io B 22 Pc GOOD FOR ONE TRIP ON PASSENGER ELEVATOR 3.50
 [USED AUGUST 23 TO OCTOBER 2, 1886]

MISSOURI

TRENTON 920 (REPORTED BY [A] ATWOOD, AND [B] WHITFIELD)
 MULLIN'S TRANSFER GOOD FOR ONE RIDE FROM
 /ELK HOTEL TO DEPOT
 A o A Ob Sd HARRY ENGLE JEWELER AND OPTICIAN 3.50
 /TRENTON, MO. (20x32MM)
 W.H. WARREN TRANSFER COMPANY PHONE 51
 B o B 32 Sd GOOD FOR ONE RIDE FROM ELK HOTEL TO DEPOT 3.50

WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN RAPIDS 980 (REPORTED BY MORTON H. DAWSON)
 FIRST CLASS LIVERY & BUS LINE, ALBERT
 /WALDVOGEL, PROP. GRAND RAPIDS, WIS.
 G o A 22 Sd GOOD FOR ONE RIDE FROM HOTEL TO DEPOT 3.50

UNIDENTIFIED (REPORTED BY [79] MAZEAU, AND [80] MUSSER)

THE TAYLOR TRANSIT CO. (INCUSE 7)
 79 B 21 Sd NO CASH VALUE (INCUSE 7)
 S.C. STEVENS BUS LINE ONE RIDE (INCUSE LETTERS)
 80 B 24 Sd F.H. COBB HORNELLSVILLE, N.Y.

MISCELLANEOUS TOKENS (REPORTED BY [O] FORD, AND [P] COFFEE)

GROUP 31
 O WM 23 BAR GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS TYPE 2)(REV. A)
 P WM 24 L (SAME AS OBVERSE)

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

THIS MONTH WE HAVE A NEW TOKEN FOR THE ALAMEDA - CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT. THIS TRANSIT AUTHORITY TOOK OVER THIS DISTRICT A YEAR AGO, ON OCTOBER 1, 1960. WE HAVE KNOWN THAT THEY WERE GOING TO ISSUE A NEW TOKEN, BUT THEY WAITED TILL THE AUTHORITY WAS A YEAR OLD. THEY HAD INTENDED TO RELEASE THE TOKENS FOR SALE OCTOBER 1, BUT THEY ACTUALLY CAME ON SALE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1961. WE SAW THE TOKENS EARLIER, BUT COULDN'T BUY THEM TILL THE 8TH. THE AUTHORITY WILL CONTINUE TO HONOR THE OLD BRASS TOKENS OF THE KEY SYSTEM, BUT THE NEW TOKENS WILL BE THE ONLY ONES SOLD. ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA ARE TWO COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA IN WHICH KEY SYSTEM OPERATED; SOME OF THE CITIES IN WHICH THE AUTHORITY OPERATES ARE OAKLAND, ALAMEDA, BERKELEY, RICHMOND, HAYWARDS, SAN LEANDRO, EMERYVILLE, SAN PABLO. AS OAKLAND IS THE LARGEST CITY, WE'LL LIST THESE TOKENS FROM THERE.

THE TREASURE ISLAND CAUSEWAY TOKENS ARE USED ON A CAUSEWAY (BRIDGE) BETWEEN ST. PETERSBURG AND TREASURE ISLAND. IT IS OPERATED BY THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, AND TOKENS CAME INTO USE SEPTEMBER 30, 1961. THEY HOPE IN THE FUTURE TO HAVE AN ENTIRELY AUTOMATIC SYSTEM OF FARE COLLECTION. THE 22MM TOKEN SELLS 2 FOR 25¢, AND IS SOLD TO THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO MAKE A SINGLE ROUND TRIP ON THE CAUSEWAY. THE SMALLER TOKEN IS SOLD AT TEN FOR A DOLLAR TO REGULAR USERS OF THE CAUSEWAY (COMMUTERS). NOTE THE LARGER TOKEN IS 22MM. IT SEEMS THAT LARGE TOKENS INTENDED FOR USE IN AUTOMATIC EQUIPMENT AND TURNSTILES RUN $\frac{1}{2}$ MM SMALLER THAN OUR REGULAR "LARGE" (23MM) TOKENS.

WE HAVE ANOTHER TAXI TOKEN FROM BOSTON. SUPREME MARKETS OPENED ANOTHER STORE ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1961, IN WEST ROXBURY, A SECTION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON. SO THEY PUT OUT A NEW TOKEN WITH THE LETTERS WR FOR THE USE OF PATRONS WHO BUY \$5 WORTH OF GROCERIES AND WANT TO RIDE A TAXI HOME. STRANGE NO OTHER MARKETS SEEM TO HAVE ADOPTED THIS IDEA, EXCEPT IN BOSTON.

KENNETH SMITH REPORTED THE TOKEN USED AT THE MINNEAPOLIS INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION FROM AUGUST 23 TO OCTOBER 2, 1886. ELEVATORS WERE JUST COMING ONTO THE MARKET THEN, AND THIS ELEVATOR AT THE EXPOSITION WAS ONE OF THE BIG ATTRACTIONS. THERE IS A COMPANION SOUVENIR PIECE WHICH GIVES THE DATES OF THE EXPOSITION. THERE WILL BE A WORLDS FARE IN SEATTLE NEXT YEAR, AND PERHAPS THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ELEVATOR TOKEN ISSUED ON THAT OCCASION, FOR USE IN THE "SPACE NEEDLE."

IT IS STRANGE THAT TWO DEPOTEL TOKENS SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE SAME CITY IN SO BRIEF A SPAN OF TIME. SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE LINES. MR. ENGLE, THE JEWELER, IS STILL LIVING, AND MR. COFFEE HAS CORRESPONDED WITH HIM. BUT HE REMEMBERS NO TOKENS. NEITHER DO THE DESCENDANTS OF MR. WARREN, WHO ALSO HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY MR. COFFEE. THESE TWO TOKENS PROBABLY DATE FROM 1900 TO 1905 OR THEREABOUTS.

THE WALDVOGEL TOKEN FROM WISCONSIN RAPIDS WAS TURNED UP ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY BY MAX SCHWARTZ AND MORT DAWSON. GRAND RAPIDS, ORIGINALLY A SEPARATE CITY, IS NOW PART OF WISCONSIN

RAPIDS. IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET THE HISTORY OF THE COMPANY, MR. COFFEE CONTACTED VARIOUS PARTIES IN WISCONSIN RAPIDS, AND HE LEARNED THE FOLLOWING. ALBERT WALDVOGEL WAS BORN IN SWITZERLAND, AND CAME TO AMERICA WHEN HE WAS 14. HE MOVED TO GRAND RAPIDS ABOUT 1900 AND WENT INTO THE LIVERY STABLE BUSINESS. LIKE MOST LIVERY STABLES, THE WALDVOGEL LIVERY STABLE OPERATED HORSE-DRAWN HACKS, WHICH IN THIS CASE HAULED PASSENGERS BETWEEN THE GREEN BAY & WESTERN DEPOT AND THE WITTER OR DIXON HOTELS IN GRAND RAPIDS. SHORTLY AFTER WORLD WAR I HE SWITCHED FROM HORSE POWER TO A GASOLINE BUS, BUT "THE HOURS WERE BAD, THE WORK STRENUOUS, AND MR. WALDVOGEL'S HEALTH SUFFERED." SO HE SOLD OUT, AND WITHIN A FEW MONTHS HIS BUS LINE, NOW OPERATED BY A SUCCESSOR, WENT OUT OF BUSINESS. WALDVOGEL HIMSELF WENT TO WORK WITH THE CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER & PAPER COMPANY AS A MAINTENANCE MAN. HE DIED IN 1956 AT THE AGE OF 79. HIS WIDOW, NOW 83, REMEMBERS THE OLD DAYS VIVIDLY, BUT SHE HAS NO TOKENS.

WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE UNIDENTIFIED TOKENS, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THE STEVENS TOKEN IS VERY THIN, AND THE NAME ON THE REVERSE IS PROBABLY THAT OF THE MANUFACTURER OF THE TOKEN.

LARRY FREEMAN REPORTS THAT ALL TOKENS OF LANSING, MICH., ARE NOW OBSOLETE. INTER-CITY COACH LINE HAS GONE OUT OF BUSINESS, AND LANSING SUBURBAN LINES NOW OPERATES THERE ON A 20¢ CASH FARE, AND HAS NEVER USED TOKENS.

WITH REGARD TO THE TOKENS GIVEN OUT AT THE MINNEAPOLIS A.V.A. CONVENTION BY QUINCY LAFLIN AND TEX BARNETT: WHEN THEY WENT TO OBTAIN THE NEW TOKENS FROM ANOKA FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE, THEY LEARNED THAT THE COMPANY HAD ALSO ORDERED A BATCH WITH A SMALLER STAR. HOWEVER, THE OPERATORS HAD COMPLAINED THAT THE STAR WAS TOO SMALL TO SPOT EASILY, SO THESE TOKENS WERE REMOVED FROM CIRCULATION AND RESTAMPED WITH A LARGER STAR. SOME, OF COURSE, CAME IN THROUGH THE FARE BOXES AFTER THE OTHERS HAD BEEN SENT BACK TO BE RESTAMPED, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO SUPPLY THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. SO, INSTEAD, THEY WERE GIVEN OUT TO THE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION. THERE ARE A FEW OF THESE SMALL-STAR TOKENS LEFT, AND ANYONE WHO WANTS ONE MAY SEND ONE DOLLAR TO FLOYD BARNETT - 5425 PORTLAND AVE. SO. - MINNEAPOLIS 17, MINN. PROFIT FROM THIS SALE WILL BE PUT IN A KITTY TO HELP FINANCE THE NEXT CONVENTION IN MINNEAPOLIS. THE TOKENS SENT OUT BY THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WERE A DIFFERENT DIE FROM THE SMALL-STAR TOKENS, AS WELL. SO THERE MAY BE DIE VARIETIES OF BOTH THE LARGE-STAR AND SMALL-STAR TOKENS.

AS I SAID EARLIER, I HAD HOPED TO DO MORE CHECKING ON TOKENS AROUND MINNEAPOLIS, BUT TEX BARNETT VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE ME RIDING TO CHECK ON TOKENS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE. WE STARTED OUT AND GOT TO VIRGINIA, MINN., WHERE WE FOUND THAT THE STREETCAR LINES HAD BEEN DISCONTINUED ABOUT APRIL 19, 1927, SO THE TOKEN WE HAVE LISTED FROM THERE HAS BEEN OBSOLETE FOR OVER 34 YEARS. THERE HAS BEEN LOCAL BUS SERVICE SINCE THEN, BUT NO TOKENS. THEN TO HIBBING, WHERE WE FOUND THAT THIS LIT-

THE COMPANY WAS REALLY ONE OF THE STARTING POINTS OF THE GRAY-HOUND LINES...FROM A SMALL OPERATION IN HIBBING A COUPLE OF THE MEN WENT ON TO LARGER LINES. CHECK THE HISTORY OF GREYHOUND AND YOU WILL FIND THAT IT ALL STARTED IN HIBBING, MINNESOTA. MESABA TRANSPORTATION FIRST USED TOKENS IN HIBBING IN OCTOBER, 1949, AT 10¢ OR 5/45, THEN LATER THEY WENT TO A DIME STRAIGHT, THEN ON NOVEMBER 1, 1960, WENT TO 15¢ OR 2/25, SO TOKENS ARE NOW IN USE THERE.

THEN WE WENT OVER TO DULUTH. WE HAVE NOTICED THAT WE DO NOT HAVE SOME OF THE TOKENS OF THIS CITY LISTED IN CORRECT ORDER. THAT IS, TOKENS FROM 230 G ON. 230 H WAS FIRST USED IN 1926 WHEN THEY GOT NEW FARE BOXES. FARE WAS DIFFERENT IN DULUTH FROM SUPERIOR; YOU WILL NOTE THAT 230 H DEFINITELY MENTIONS DULUTH. THEN THE 230 I TOKEN FOLLOWED, AND WHEN THE FARE WENT TO THE SAME IN BOTH CITIES, 230 G WAS USED. THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO DULUTH-SUPERIOR TRANSIT CO. IN 1933, BUT TOKENS WERE NOT ORDERED TILL A FEW YEARS LATER, WHEN THEY WERE NEEDED. THEN M N AND O WERE USED. THE TOKENS WITH THE NAME OF THE NEW TREASURER, BARNET D. SCHNEIDER, WERE ORDERED OCTOBER 4, 1950, AND FIRST PLACED INTO CIRCULATION NOVEMBER 1, 1950. THESE WERE PUT INTO CIRCULATION AS NEEDED TO SUPPLEMENT THE SUPPLY ALREADY IN USE. STRANGE AS IT SEEMS, IT TOOK US FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1950, UNTIL AUGUST, 1955, WHEN THE TOKEN WAS LISTED IN THE FARE BOX, TO LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE IN THE TOKENS. TOKENS ARE STILL IN USE THERE AT 5 FOR 95¢.

THEN WE WENT TO SEE THE ARROWHEAD BRIDGE. FOR A LONG TIME I HAD NO IDEA OF HOW THE TOKENS WERE USED, SO WE WENT TO FIND OUT. THE ARROWHEAD BRIDGE OPENED ON JULY 10, 1927. RATES CHARGED ARE 10¢ FOR EACH VEHICLE AND 5C FOR DRIVER AND 5C FOR EACH PASSENGER. A SHORT TIME AFTER THE BRIDGE OPENED, PEOPLE GOING TO WORK ASKED FOR A DISCOUNT RATE, AND A TOKEN RATE OF 25 FOR \$1 WAS GRANTED TO PEOPLE GOING TO WORK BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:30 TO 8:00 A.M., AND 4:30 TO 6:00 P.M. TOKENS ARE USED FOR A DRIVER, OR HIS PASSENGERS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE WORKERS BEGAN GIVING TOKENS TO THEIR FAMILIES, IT SOON BECAME TOO DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE THE LIMITED HOURS, AND TOKENS CAME TO BE ACCEPTED ANY TIME. TOKENS STILL CARRY THE WORDING "LIMITED HOURS" SIMPLY BECAUSE THE COMPANY WAS AFRAID THE TOKEN MANUFACTURER MIGHT CHARGE EXTRA TO CHANGE THE WORDING. AT FIRST THE COMPANY USED THE 16MM TOKENS, BUT SWITCHED TO THE LARGER SIZE BECAUSE THE LOCAL BUS COMPANY COMPLAINED THAT TOO MANY TOKENS WERE BEING USED IN ITS FARE BOXES. BUT THEN PATRONS KEPT ASKING FOR THE SMALLER TOKENS, SO THE BRIDGE COMPANY WENT BACK TO THE 16MM ONES AGAIN. SO THE 16MM TOKENS ARE NOW IN USE, AT THE SAME RATES CHARGED IN 1927. SINCE YOU HAVE TO BUY THEM 25 AT A TIME, IT IS READILY APPARENT WHY PEOPLE PREFER THE SMALL TOKENS--A POCKETFUL OF THE LARGER ONES WOULD BE A LOAD TO HAUL AROUND! THE LAST BATCH OF TOKENS--5,000--WAS ORDERED AUGUST 12, 1958, AND THESE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR SOME TIME. WHEN A COMPANY REORDERS, THE NEW BATCH USUALLY COMES FROM NEW DIES, HENCE WE HAVE MINOR VARIETIES OF SPACING, ETC.

THEN WE WENT TO ASHLAND, WISCONSIN. ALL TOKENS OF THIS CITY ARE OBSOLETE; ASHLAND BUS CO. HAS GONE OUT OF BUSINESS.

THE CITY TOOK OVER THE BUS LINE IN SEPTEMBER, 1959, AND HAS NEVER USED TOKENS. FARE IS 20¢ FOR ADULTS AND 10¢ FOR CHILDREN. THE REASON WE WENT SNOOPING AROUND ASHLAND WAS THAT I HOPED WE MIGHT GET SOME INFORMATION ON THE ASHLAND STREET RAILWAY CO. WE HAVE A TOKEN LISTED FOR THIS COMPANY UNDER KENTUCKY, BUT I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANY PROOF THAT SUCH A COMPANY EXISTED THERE, SO THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THE TOKEN MAY REALLY BE FROM WISCONSIN. WE DO KNOW THERE WAS AN ASHLAND STREET RAILWAY CO. IN ASHLAND, WISC., BUT COULD NOT FIND ANY RECORDS OF TOKENS THERE.

FROM THERE WE WENT OVER TO IRONWOOD, MICH., AND HURLEY, WISC. THESE TWO LITTLE CITIES ARE CALLED THE "TWIN CITIES," AND THERE WAS A TWIN CITY RAILWAY COMPANY THAT OPERATED THERE IN THE 1890'S. THE LINE RAN FROM JESSIEVILLE ON THE MICHIGAN SIDE TO GILE ON THE WISCONSIN SIDE. WE DID GET INFORMATION FROM ONE ELDERLY LADY WHOSE FATHER WORKED ON THE LINE. SHE SAID SHE REMEMBERED USING TOKENS, AND THAT THEY WERE NOT METAL, AND WERE COLORED. SO IF WE COULD ONLY HAVE FOUND ONE OF THE TOKENS THERE, WE COULD HAVE PROVEN OUR POINT THAT THE TOKENS LISTED AS MINN 540 F AND 760 F ARE REALLY FROM IRONWOOD AND HURLEY. SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE NEXT CATALOGUE MAY LIST THESE TOKENS FROM THESE PLACES.

THERE ARE ABOUT A DOZEN TOKENS LISTED IN OUR CATALOGUE FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO REAL PROOF THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY FROM THE CITIES UNDER WHICH THEY ARE LISTED. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I HAVE A LETTER FROM SOMEONE WHO USED TO LIVE IN MADISON, IND., WHO REMEMBERS USING TOKENS WHEN SHE WAS VERY YOUNG. THIS MAY WELL BE THE TOKEN WE HAVE LISTED AS ILL 150 B.

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM TOM MCDANIEL OF SAN DIEGO, WITH AN ALUMINUM TOKEN GIVEN OUT BY SAN DIEGO TRANSIT. IT IS NOT A TRANSPORTATION TOKEN, AND WON'T BE LISTED BY US, BUT IT NEVERTHELESS IS AN INTERESTING SIDE-LINE ITEM.

SAN DIEGO "LUCKY TOKENS" AVAILABLE

IN APRIL, 1961, SAN DIEGO TRANSIT SYSTEM STARTED A "RIDE THE LUCKY BUS" IDEA, AND AWARDED CASH PRIZES TO THE WINNERS. EACH MONDAY BEGINNING IN APRIL, AND RUNNING 15 WEEKS, ON THE DIFFERENT BUS ROUTES THAT TOUCHED DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO, A LUCKY TOKEN MADE OF ALUMINUM WAS GIVEN TO PASSENGERS. IF THEY HAD REGISTERED FOR THE DRAWINGS AT DOWNTOWN STORES, AND HAD ONE OF THESE TOKENS, IF THEIR NAME WAS DRAWN THEY WON \$100; IF THEIR NAME WAS DRAWN BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE TOKEN, THEY WON \$50.

THE TOKENS ARE 32MM SOLID. ON OBVERSE: "1886-1961 75TH YEAR TRANSIT IN SAN DIEGO." ON REVERSE: "GOOD LUCK COIN I RODE THE LUCKY BUS SAN DIEGO TRANSIT SYSTEM."

THE TRANSIT SYSTEM VERY COURTOUSLY IS MAKING THE TOKENS AVAILABLE TO A.V.A. MEMBERS. IF YOU WANT ONE, SEND 5¢ COIN OR STAMPS (TO COVER POSTAGE & ENVELOPE) TO ME. ALONG WITH THE TOKEN I SHALL ALSO SEND YOU A PAMPHLET GIVING A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN SAN DIEGO AND CORONADO. SEND ORDERS TO: THOMAS R. MCDANIEL - 5255 GUESSMAN AVE. - LA MESA, CALIF.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS
BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

A.C. TRANSIT OF OAKLAND HAS ISSUED A NEW TOKEN IN CELEBRATION OF ITS FIRST YEAR SINCE TAKING OVER FROM KEY SYSTEM. THIS IS THE FIRST TOKEN TO BE ISSUED IN OAKLAND FOR 11 YEARS NOW (CAL 575 0). FIRST USED OCT. 9, 1961. ALSO TO BE SENT TO YOU, ANOTHER SUPREME TAXI TOKEN FROM BOSTON, MASS. 115 Y, OUR THANKS AGAIN TO MR. GORDON SMITH FOR OBTAINING THEM FOR US. THEN 2 MORE FROM "CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA." CAUSEWAY TOKENS, THANKS TO MR. BERNSTEIN OF ST. PETERSBURG FOR OBTAINING THEM FOR US. THESE TWO TOKENS WERE FIRST PUT INTO USE SEP. 30, 1961 (930 A B). I STILL HAVE HAD NO WORD FROM MILLEDGEVILLE, GA., ABOUT THE TOKEN LISTED LAST MONTH. THEY HAVE HAD MY CHECK NOW SINCE SEPT. 5, AND NOT A WORD. I'VE WRITTEN AGAIN, AND STILL NO WORD! APPARENTLY THEY WILL NEITHER COOPERATE NOR RETURN MY CHECK. WE'LL TRY TO WAIT THEM OUT. IF I GET THE TOKENS, I'LL SEND THEM ON TO MEMBERS OF N.I.S. THIS MONTH WE WELCOME TO THE SERVICE THE CARNEGIE MUSEUM SECTION OF COINS & MEDALS, JACK BURNS, ASST. CURATOR. WELCOME, PITTSBURGH!

STTC - YOUR HOST CLUB FOR 1962 A.V.A. CONVENTION

THE SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CLUB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL A.V.A. MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO THE BIG AND ATTRACTIVE A.V.A. CONVENTION IN SEATTLE, AUGUST 4-5, 1962, AT THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL. WE ARE PUTTING OUT THIS NOTICE KIND OF EARLY BECAUSE NO DOUBT YOU HAVE HEARD OF OUR WORLDS FAIR IN SEATTLE, AND BY THE LOOKS OF THINGS THE CITY WILL BE CROWDED AND BUSY. THE FAIR WILL START APRIL 21, 1962, AND END OCTOBER 21, 1962, SO YOU CAN PLAN YOUR VACATION IN AUGUST, AND TAKE IN BOTH FAIR AND CONVENTION. THOSE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION CAN MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL, 4TH & OLIVE WAY, SEATTLE. THEN YOU'LL BE SURE OF A ROOM. WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVERYTHING AT THIS HOTEL. OUR FAIR IS CALLED "CENTURY 21" AND WE BOAST OF MANY ATTRACTIONS, THE MAIN ONE, ONE VECTURISTS WILL ESPECIALLY BE INTERESTED IN, WILL BE THE MONORAIL. THIS MEANS OF CONVEYANCE IS JUST ONE SHORT BLOCK FROM THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL, AND IT TAKES YOU DIRECTLY TO THE CENTURY 21 GROUNDS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CONVENTION, WATCH FUTURE ISSUES OF THE FARE BOX, OR WRITE DIRECTLY TO CECIL JEFFERSON (LA 3-7327); GUS NILSON (SO 2-7813); OR CLARENCE HEPPNER (AT 2-6568), (BUSINESS PHONE MA 3-8970). ADDRESSES IN THE AVA ROSTER.

OUR PRESIDENT, F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE ROAD - QUINCY 69, MASS., HAS PRECISELY FOUR OF THE BRONZE 10TH ANNIVERSARY HORSECAR MEDALS LEFT. AS ONLY 300 OF THESE WERE STRUCK, THEY WILL NEVER BE COMMON. ORDER YOURS NOW, ONLY \$1.04.

THE FARE BOX

A Monthly News-Letter for



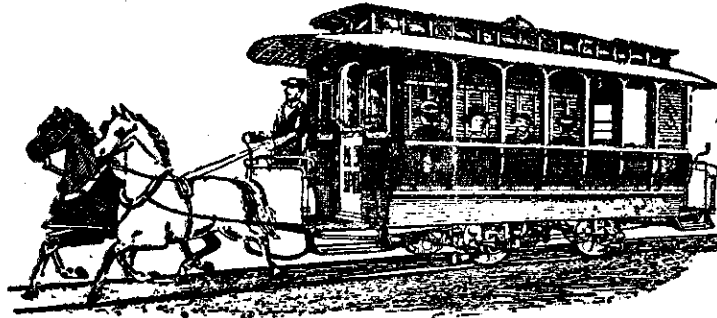
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CHARLES B. WHITE

IT IS WITH GREAT REGRET THAT I MUST REPORT THE DEATH OF CHARLES B. WHITE, A.V.A. 123, OF FREDONIA, N.Y. MR. WHITE WAS AN OLD-TIME COLLECTOR WHOSE FRIENDSHIP ADDED WARMTH AND KINDNESS TO OUR HOBBY. HIS DAUGHTER, MRS. ROBERT OLMSTEAD, OF 57 SPRING ST., FREDONIA, N.Y., IS INTERESTED IN SELLING HIS COLLECTION, AND INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD CONTACT HER DIRECTLY.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE ARE SEVERAL LISTS OF PRICES REALIZED, INCLUDING ONE FOR THE EDITOR'S OWN RECENT AUCTION. I HAVE NOT YET CONTACTED SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS, BUT WILL DO SO AS SOON AS I GET THIS ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX MAILED OUT. I MIGHT ADD THAT PRICES REALIZED ON THE LAST FOUR ITEMS IN THE AUCTION, FOR WHICH THERE WASN'T SUFFICIENT ROOM ON THE PAGE, WERE AS FOLLOWS: HAWAII 330 A, \$2.25; 330 B, 60¢; PHILIPPINES 500 B, \$5.75; UNIDENTIFIED #4, \$2.50.

COMES NOW A LETTER FROM OUR FRIEND EDRICK MILLER OF COSTA MESA, CALIF., WHEREIN HE TELLS US THAT HE HAS HAD A NUMBER OF PLASTIC HOLDERS MADE UP FOR HORSECAR TOKENS. THE HOLDERS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR U.S. PROOF COINS, BUT ARE LABELED "UNITED STATES HORSECAR TOKENS." HE SAYS THE TOKENS LOOK VERY NICE IN THE HOLDERS. INTERESTED COLLECTORS SHOULD WRITE HIM DIRECTLY.

TOGETHER WITH THIS ISSUE WE ARE MAILING OUT DUES NOTICES TO ALL MEMBERS. PLEASE BE PROMPT IN PAYING YOUR \$3 DUES THIS YEAR, AND SAVE OUR HARD-WORKING SECRETARY A LOT OF EXTRA WORK. DUES REALLY SHOULD BE PAID BY THE END OF THE YEAR, ALTHOUGH WE ALLOW A PERIOD OF GRACE THROUGH FEBRUARY.



= THE SECRETARY'S REPORT =

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- 387 JAMES P. NORTHCUTT - 2440 N. SOUTHPORT - CHICAGO 14, ILL.
AGE 32; URBAN TRANSIT MAN; 1004 TOKENS.
- 388 LINTON DEANE WALKER - 1141 CUDDIE RD. - PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.
AGE 28; LOCOMOTIVE FIREMAN. COLLECTING 4 YEARS.
- 389 MAUDIE S. VARNER - 1214 BEVERLY LANE - ALAMOGORDO, N.M.
AGE 39; SECRETARY. 200 TOKENS.
- 390 ROBERT F. SINGER - 3756 10TH AVENUE - SAN DIEGO 3, CALIF.
AGE 51; USHER. 964 TOKENS. COLLECTING 3 YEARS.
- 391 SHELDON KAMEN - P.O. Box 485 - WICHITA 1, KANSAS
AGE 29. 1500 TOKENS.

APPLICANTS PROPOSED BY: COFFEE (387,388,389,391); McDANIEL(390)

RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP:

315 DR. MARK HITE.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

342 WALTER FAIRFIELD - 9332 AVENUE K - HOUSTON 12, TEXAS.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

FIRST OF ALL THIS MONTH, LET'S WELCOME TWO MORE MEMBERS TO THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE: C.H. JONES OF MURRYSVILLE, PA., AND J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON OF ROCK ISLAND, QUEBEC. WELCOME!

FOUR TOKENS ARE COMING YOUR WAY THIS MONTH, AS FOLLOWS: CALIF 300 K, THANKS TO RALPH FREIBERG; CONN 290 P, THANKS TO DON MAZEAU FOR A 50-MILE TRIP TO GET THEM FOR US; VA 20 M, THANKS TO MR. JULIUS SHERR; AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST I FINALLY MADE CONTACT ON GA 630 C SO I CAN ALSO SEND THIS ONE TO YOU... BUT THE ONES THEY SENT ME HAVE ALREADY SEEN SOME CIRCULATION. THE VIRGINIA TOKEN WAS FIRST PUT INTO USE NOVEMBER 1, 1961; THE CONNECTICUT TOKEN ON OCTOBER 1, 1961.

WE EXPECT QUITE A FEW TOKENS FOR DECEMBER. IF I RECEIVE THESE TOKENS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER I'LL SEND THEM ON; OTHERWISE I SHALL WAIT TILL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, AS I DON'T LIKE TO MAIL TOKENS DURING THE CHRISTMAS RUSH.

I AM GOING TO ASK THAT IF YOUR NEW ISSUES BALANCE IS LOW, PLEASE BRING IT UP TO AT LEAST \$3.50....TOKENS WON'T BE SENT TO YOU IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH BALANCE TO COVER THEIR COST.

- JOHN G. NICOLosi

= THE OVAL VULCANITE TOKENS =
BY KENNETH SMITH

THERE HAS BEEN CONFUSION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF THESE OVALS AND THEIR EXACT WORDING AND DIMENSIONS. I AM FORTUNATE IN OWNING ALL THE 8 LISTED-BELOW TOKENS, ALL IN UNCIRCULATED CONDITION EXCEPT PA 765 H WHICH IS DAMAGED. THESE 8 ITEMS WERE ISSUED IN THE 1840'S AND EARLY 1850'S. LOOKING AT THESE TOKENS, WHICH I USUALLY KEEP IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX BUT WHICH NOW ARE IN FRONT OF ME, I NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) OHIO 165 I IS LISTED CORRECTLY EXCEPT THAT THERE IS A DOT AFTER "BOX" ON BOTH SIDES. IT'S DIMENSIONS ARE 35x25MM.

(2) PA 765 H HAS ON OBERSE A COMMA BETWEEN "PITTSBURGH" AND "ALLEGHENY." ON REVERSE A COMMA AFTER "PITTSBURGH" AND THE "P.A. & M." IS ON THE SIDE OF THE OMNIBUS, WHICH HAS 6 WINDOWS ON EACH SIDE AND A BACK ENTRANCE. THE TOKEN'S DIMENSIONS ARE 35x25MM.

(3 AND 4) I HAVE TWO VARIETIES OF PA 765 I WHICH ARE IDENTICAL ON REVERSE, WHICH IS CORRECTLY LISTED. WORDING ON BOTH IS IDENTICAL ON OBERSE, AND IS CORRECT AS LISTED, BUT THE SPACINGS BETWEEN THE WORDS ARE DIFFERENT ON THE TWO TOKENS. THE DIMENSIONS ARE, AGAIN, 35x25MM.

(5) PA 765 J IS CORRECTLY LISTED, AND IS ALSO 35x25MM.

(6) PA 840 D IS CORRECTLY LISTED, AND IS ALSO 35x25MM.

(7) THIS ITEM IS NOT A FARE TOKEN, BUT HAS HISTORICAL VALUE. I HAVE TWO OF THEM FOR EXHIBITIONS. IT IS A BLACK VULCANITE, 45x35MM. ON OBERSE: "BOSTON & NEW YORK VIA NORWICH" AND ON REVERSE: "D.F. WALLER CONDUCTOR" WITH A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF THE STEAM ENGINE "COE DE WITT" WITH TENDER AND A BOX CAR. AT THE TIME MR. WALLER ISSUED THESE TOKENS THE STEAM ENGINE WAS IN ITS INFANCY AND COULD NOT PULL LOADS UP AND DOWN HILLS. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO BUILD THE NEW YORK TO BOSTON RAILROAD...BUT A RAILROAD WAS BUILT OUT THE LENGTH OF LONG ISLAND, WHICH WAS FLAT, AND THERE THE PASSENGERS TRANSFERED TO THE PACKET "CITY OF BOSTON" WHICH CROSSED TO NORWICH, THEN UP TO CAPE COD AND BOSTON. RETURN TRIP THE REVERSE OF THE FOREGOING. THIS SAVED CONSIDERABLE TIME OVER THE STEAM PACKETS FROM NEW YORK TO BOSTON. IT WAS ONLY A VERY FEW YEARS BEFORE TRAIN ENGINES WERE ABLE TO CLIMB THE CONNECTICUT HILLS AND A RAILROAD WAS BUILT ALL THE WAY FROM NEW YORK TO BOSTON, AND THE ABOVE SERVICE DISCONTINUED.

(8) THIS ITEM IS AN ADVERTISING PIECE AND IS DARK BROWN, SIZE 45x35MM. ON OBERSE: "THE INDIANAPOLIS ROUTE SHORTEST & QUICKEST LINE BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC & MISSISSIPPI" WITH A VERY BEAUTIFUL OLD STEAM ENGINE, "THE UNION," WITH TENDER AND BOXCAR. ON REVERSE: "GENERAL EASTERN RAILROAD OFFICE F.M. COLBURN, TICKET AGENT, NO. 32, 4TH STREET, UNDER PLANTERS HOUSE ST. LOUIS, MO."

= SEND IN YOUR 1962 DUES NOW =

FOR TRADE ONLY, FOR TOKENS OF LIKE VALUE: MD 60 F, TEX 340 A.
GEORGE FULD - P.O. Box 6047 - BALTIMORE 31, MD.

SELL OR TRADE AT CATALOGUE VALUE (ADD 12¢ POSTAGE): CAL 575 A, 760 E; CONN 305 K; HAWAII 240 D; IND 180 C; MASS 115 W; MINN 230 O, 540 M; MO 335 A; NY 631 P Q, 640 B, 875 E, 905 B; OHIO 860 G; PA 750 AE; SC 310 C; TEX 255 O; WASH 780 L, 840 C; DC 500 Y; MFG SMPL 23.

LEON S. ROSENBLUM - 36-24 FERRY HTS. - FAIR LAWN, N.J.
ASKING FOR BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING: ILL 795 A; ME 480 B; NY 780 B; PA 750 G; TENN 375 B; TENN 430 A.

C.J. DOCHKUS - 3522 E. THOMPSON ST. - PHILADELPHIA 34, PA.
ANY OFFERS IN TRADE FOR THE FOLLOWING? IND 995 A, IA 890 B, MO 350 B, WASH 590 B. TOKENS FOR CASH SALE: OHIO 475 Z, AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AK, AM, AS, AT, AW, AX, AZ, BB, \$5.00 EACH. MO 440 U 35¢; SWEDEN 300 B \$1; AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: CAL 300 G, 775 F, 945 E; IOWA 930 C; NY 980 A; OHIO 175 U; VA 720 A; WISC 440 A, B, C, D, E - BY 12/15/61.

HAROLD FORD, JR. - 2227 DERBY - BERKELEY 5, CALIF.
FOR SALE AT \$2.50 EACH: MD 60 W AP AR (NOTE W AND AR HAVE THE USUAL SMALL SCRATCHES & NICKS THAT ALUMINUM TOKENS GET GOING THRU FARE BOXES). FOR SALE AT CATALOG: MD 60 I AA AB AC AG AH AJ AK AN AO, 770 A; ALA 750 B; IND 90 A; NC 880 A B, 290 C; OKLA 860 K, 510 A; WASH 720 A, 880 A; TENN 75 B C D E; TEX 560 A, 565 A C, 590 C, 320 B; WISC 30 A, 850 A, 930 C; ENGLAND 90 AB AC AD AE AF AG AH, 50 BA BC BD, 240 AC AH, 625 BL AM, PLUS 15¢ POSTAGE & INSURANCE.

KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.
RARE CENSUS TOKEN, NJ 290 C, AVAILABLE FOR TRADE ONLY. THIS TOKEN HAS BEEN WORN SMOOTH, BUT IS STILL LEGIBLE. BEST OFFER BY DECEMBER 12 TAKES IT.

DONALD N. MAZEAU - 155 BORRMANN ROAD - EAST HAVEN, CONN.
HAVE ONE PACKET LEFT, 44 ALL DIFFERENT TOKENS PLUS ONE HORSE CAR (45 TOKENS IN ALL) POSTPAID, \$4.00.

JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO STREET - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.
TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER: SELDOM OFFERED NY 631 F, ISSUED IN THE 1920'S BY NEW YORK & QUEENS COUNTY RY. CO. BIDS CLOSE DECEMBER 26. BONUS: 100 DIFF. OBSOLETE TRANSFERS & TICKETS.

G.W. SCHRODER - 78-14 160TH ST. - FLUSHING 66, N.Y.
WANTED: 1948 EDITION OF ATWOOD'S CHECK LIST IN GOOD CONDITION, NOT MARKED UP WITH NOTATIONS.

EDRICK J. MILLER - 3257 IDAHO LANE - COSTA MESA, CALIF.
KANS 820 D FOR SALE AT 15¢ EACH PLUS STAMPED ENVELOPE.

JON HEIM - 551½ E. ALCOTT ST. - PHILADELPHIA 20, PA.
MUST DISPOSE OF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALL REMAINING TOKENS, CHECK LISTS, TICKETS, ETC. THE FOLLOWING FARE BOXES FOR SALE: JAN 52 THRU MAY 52, ALSO JULY 53. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING CONTACT ME NOW.
M.B. McROBIE - 1073 PITKIN AVENUE - AKRON 10, OHIO

FOR SALE: TWENTY OHIO 505 F'S NEW AT FACE VALUE 25¢ EACH PLUS STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

LARRY G. FREEMAN - 2427 TORRINGTON AVE. - PARMA 34, OHIO
FOR SALE: COLLECTION OF ABOUT 600 DOG LICENSES, ALL DIFFERENT, PLUS 80 DIFF. BUS TOKENS, ALL FOR \$25. ALSO ABOUT 400 PORTLAND TRACTION CO. WEEKLY PASSES, WILL TRADE FOR ANY TOKEN I NEED.

F.W. GUERNSEY - 3725 N.E. 17TH - PORTLAND 12, OREGON

NOTES FROM THE CATALOGUE COMMITTEE

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY ARE AWARE THAT THE DUTIES OF THE CATALOGUE COMMITTEE GO ON AND ON. AS SOON AS ONE CATALOGUE IS FINISHED, NOTES ARE RECEIVED AND CORRECTIONS NOTED, AND IF ANY DOUBTS ARE RAISED ABOUT ANY TOKEN FORMERLY LISTED, THEN INVESTIGATIONS BEGIN. SOMETIMES A FEW COLLECTORS WILL GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAVE A CERTAIN TOKEN SO NOTHING IS DONE. BUT WHEN WE REALIZE ONLY ONE PERSON MAY HAVE A DOUBTFUL TOKEN, THEN WE TRY TO CHECK UP ON IT.

RACINE, WISC 790 A, SHOULD BE CARMINE CELLULOID, RATHER THAN BLACK. SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE, IN RECOPYING AN OLD LISTING, SOMEBODY PUT DOWN "CE" IN PLACE OF "CC" WITH THE RESULT WE'VE ALL BEEN LOOKING FOR A BLACK TOKEN THAT DOESN'T EXIST. HAROLD FORD HAS THE CARMINE ONE, AND WE ARE CERTAIN THERE IS NO BLACK ONE. HOWEVER, COLLECTORS SHOULD CHECK THEIR 700 B TO BE SURE IT IS RED AND NOT CARMINE. POSSIBLY OTHER COLLECTORS HAVE A CARMINE WITHOUT REALIZING IT.

I HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT MORE THAN ONE PERSON OWNED NY 640 E, BUT ON REVISION OF HAROLD FORD'S CENSUS, WE LEARNED THAT THE ONLY SPECIMEN WAS THE ONE HAROLD GOT OUT OF THE ATWOOD COLLECTION. AS THE COMPANY HAD CHANGED FARE IN JANUARY 1945 FROM 7½¢ I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHEN THEY COULD HAVE GOT THE WHITE METAL TOKEN. SO WE FILED THE EDGE OF THE TOKEN, AND FOUND BRASS UNDERNEATH! NOW WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE COMPANY INTENDED TO PLATE THEIR TOKENS, OR IF IT WAS DONE BY SOMEBODY ELSE. UNLESS SOMEONE CAN COME UP WITH AN AUTHENTIC WHITE METAL, WE MAY DELETE THIS TOKEN ENTIRELY FROM THE CATALOGUE.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON KY 680 J--THAT IS, TO SEE IF ANYBODY ACTUALLY HAS THE TOKEN. 680 I WAS AN EMPLOYEE TOKEN. PROBABLY THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A DEFINITE ISSUE, BUT NO METAL WAS AVAILABLE SO THE COMPANY PICKED UP ANY BLANK SOLID 21MM BRASS SLUG AND PUNCHED THE INITIALS IN THEM. I HAVE ONE BRASS SLUG PUNCHED WITH K U CO ON IT (NO PERIODS). I HAVE ANOTHER WITH K.U. CO. (PERIODS). I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF THEM HAVE UNIFORM STAMPING. AS THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH BLANK BRASS SLUGS AVAILABLE, THEY ALSO TOOK VARIOUS AMUSEMENT SLUGS AND STAMPED THESE WITH K U CO. MR. FRISBEE HAS TWO SUCH TOKENS, GOOD FOR FREE GAMES OR SOMETHING, WHICH HAVE BEEN COUNTERSTAMPED WITH K U CO, FOR KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY. SO, TO ME, 680 I IS ANY BLANK BRASS SLUG OR AMUSEMENT TOKEN STAMPED WITH K.U.CO. THE SIZE SHOULD BE 21MM, AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE SAME SIZE AS A NICKEL. SO A 20MM ITEM SHOULD BE AN ERROR AND DELETED.

ALSO UP FOR QUESTIONING ARE PITTSBURGH TOKENS, PA 765 F, G, AND AA. FIRST OF ALL, CROSS OUT THE WORDS "BASE IMPROVEMENT" AFTER 765 G. THERE IS NO COUNTERSTAMP "BASE Imp." THIS WAS MERELY A NOTATION IN AN OLD CATALOGUE INTENDING TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION THAT THE BASE OF THE TOKEN WAS IMPERFECT. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOKENS IS THAT F IS 23MM, G IS 22MM, AND AA IS 20MM. I KNOW WHO HAS 765 AA, BUT THOSE WHO HAVE F OR G PLEASE LET ME KNOW THE EXACT SIZE. WE MAY HAVE A LARGE 23MM OR A SMALL 23MM. SO THERE MAY ONLY BE SIZE VARIETIES OF 23MM, AND NO 22MM, ON THIS TOKEN.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE DEFINITE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TOKENS. ILL 150 B, IND 460 M, GA 905 A, MD 60 O, KY 10 A, MINN 540 F AND 760 E--THAT IS, I'D LIKE TO HAVE MORE PROOF THAT THESE TOKENS ARE REALLY FROM THE CITIES UNDER WHICH WE HAVE THEM LISTED. ALSO WHO KNOWS ABOUT WISC 700 A, PA 750 M, NY 640 E, KY 680 J, PA 765 G. DO ANY OF YOU HAVE THE AS THEY ARE LISTED IN THE CATALOGUE? I ALSO SUSPECT THAT NC 950 A AND MICH 530 C MIGHT BE FROM OTHER CITIES, AS WELL AS NY 230 A. I DOUBT IF NY 230 A IS REALLY FROM ELMIRA; IT MAKES NO SENSE TO CALL A COMPANY "ELMIRA LIGHT AND WATER STREET RR Co." IT COULD REALLY BE FROM THE EAST LIVERPOOL AND WELLSVILLE STREET RY. Co. OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO.

FINALLY, IF ANYBODY HAS ANY DOUBTS ABOUT ANY TOKEN--IF IT IS LISTED CORRECTLY AS TO DESCRIPTION OR LOCATION--PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

= RALPH FREIBERG

UNIQUE CENSUS TOKENS

HAROLD FORD HAS MADE A COMPLETE LIST OF TOKENS OF WHICH THERE IS ONLY ONE KNOWN TO EXIST. THESE ARE THE GREAT RARITIES.

ALA 120 A, 560 D K O; ARK 15 A B, 150 A D E, 300 A, 315 A; CAL 450 A, 525 A, 715 E F G; COLO 760 A, 860 A; CONN 160 A, 230 A, 290 A, 325 A; FLA 530 G; GA 60 E F G, 750 A F, 905 A; ILL 150 E F G M N O A B A C, 1960 G, 360 G, 415 A, 435 A B, 605 A; IND 460 A C, 520 A, 685 A B, 930 A, 995 B; IA 75 A, 130 A, 180 A, 300 B 630 A, 640 O, 710 A B, 740 E, 850 D E, 880 A, 930 J; KANS 85 A, 120 A, 620 A, 680 A B C D, 910 A; KY 10 A, 100 A B, 135 A, 200 A, 370 E, 520 A, 670 A, 680 A; LA 240 A, 470 A, 810 A B; MD 60 B C; MASS 115 D D F G, 260 C; MICH 65 G, 370 A, 530 B C, 560 A 590 A, 630 C, 680 R, 845 I, 945 A; MINN 50 A B C D E I, 60 A B, 400 A, 490 A, 540 C D F, 620 D, 630 A, 730 I, 760 C E; MISS 500 C; MO 160 A, 200 E, 350 C, 700 B, 830 C, 860 A, 910 S T, 920 A B, 980 A; MONT 320 B; NEB 120 A B, 440 B, 540 F G I; NJ 290 D, 675 A C, 730 B, 995 A; NM 430 A; NY 140 A, 595 A B, 630 A B E H M O V W Z, 890 B; NC 140 A, 950 A; ND 600 C D; OHIO 30 A, 35 A B, 165 E P, 175 C D F G H I J K P A B, 230 H, 410 A, 495 A, 515 A D, 535 A, 700 A, 730 A, 745 A, 830 A B, 995 B; OKLA 330 A PA 15 A, 115 B, 130 A C D, 195 H, 315 A B, 320 C D, 385 A B, 395 A B, 455 C, 495 D, 525 B C D E G I J K S T, 675 A, 680 A, 725 G, 745 C, 750 Q T W A T A U, 765 L Q S, 770 A, 785 A, 840 C D 965 B D, 985 D; RI 620 B; SC 310 A; SD 370 A, 380 B, 970 A; TENN 120 A, 430 C V, 490 A; TEX 290 A B, 340 C D, 465 A, 810 A B, 930 A, 965 A B; UTAH 525 A, 750 O; VA 350 A, 535 A, 580 A B D E M, 600 M, 660 A, 840 A; WASH 230 A, 850 A B; W.VA. 20 A, 890 A G H J K L M O P; WISC 180 C H, 410 D, 440 H, 500 F, 510 J 600 A, 700 A D, 870 E, 910 A, 935 A B C, 980 F G; ALASKA 300 B, 400 B; HAWAII 210 M N O.

HOW MANY OF THEM DO YOU HAVE?

= PRICES REALIZED AT NICOLOSI'S MAY AUCTION =

OREGON		OREGON		PENNSYLVANIA		PENNSYLVANIA	
20 D....	.75	760 A....	1.00	325 D....	1.50	575 C....	2.50
E....	.75	970 A....	.50	360 C....	.35	E....	.50
40 A....	.50	PENNSYLVANIA		400 C....	2.00	600 A....	1.60
80 A....	1.01	65 F....	.25	400 D....	2.00	645 A....	.40
130 B....	.35	O....	.32	425 B....	.55	B....	.40
C....	.35	150 A....	1.01	C....	.50	650 C....	.32
160 A....	.30	150 B....	3.00	D....	.35	E....	.32
B....	.30	175 B....	.75	460 A....	.32	675 D....	.32
D....	.60	180 E....	.32	B....	.75	750 G....	2.50
E....	.60	195 A....	1.50	D....	.75	Z....	8.00
H....	.30	B....	1.00	470 A....	1.05	AM....	.32
340 A....	.75	E....	1.01	480 B....	1.60	AR....	.32
420 A....	.75	F....	1.00	490 A....	.75	AS....	.32
700 B....	5.00	J....	.75	495 J....	.70	AV TOO LOW	
.....		280 B....	1.00	K....	1.01	950 C....	.25
.....		325 C....	.32	Q....	.32	D....	.25
.....			575 B....	.50	F....	.30

= PRICES REALIZED AT NICOLOSI'S JUNE AUCTION =

ALA 560 E....	1.56	TENN 375 B....	2.05	VA 620 G....	1.25
750 B....	NO BID	C....	2.05	H....	1.25
C....	.75	400 A....	.85	L....	1.03
N	NO BID	F....	.40	T....	2.03
CAL 395 C....	NO BID	540 C....	.25	700 B....	.40
E....	NO BID	D....	.40	D....	1.00
650 A....	.65	600 I....	1.00	720 A....	7.00
ILL 760 AA....	.45	N....	.80	B....	3.03
IND 890 A....	NO BID	TEX 5 A....	.40	C....	1.00
NEB 980 B....	NO BID	65 H....	.40	820 A....	.55
PA 975 A....	1.15	255 A....	2.50	WASH 250 A....	4.03
RI 700 B....	4.01	D....	1.00	E....	4.03
700 C....	1.02	F....	.70	340 A....	2.03
SC 110 A....	.60	K....	.30	B....	2.00
490 B....	.60	M....	.50	755 A....	3.00
C....	.60	400 A....	.75	880 F....	.50
500 A....	.70	750 A....	.50	G....	.50
B....	.30	985 A....	.75	H....	.50
C....	.30	VT 60 B....	.95	W.VA. 200 A....	.75
SD 100 A....	.75	VA 20 A....	1.02	B....	1.03
680 A....	1.15	65 A....	1.10	640 A....	1.00
B....	1.15	155 B....	.55	830 F....	.30
TENN 75 G....	.30	600 K....	1.75	860 A....	1.50
120 C....	.30	620 AA....	4.03	B....	.45
375 A....	2.05	620 AB....	4.03	WISC 20 A....	.75

= PRICES REALIZED AT NICOLosi'S JULY AUCTION =

ALA 40 A.....\$2.65	IA 300 H.....1.20	NY 230 H......55
750 B.....NO BID	600 E......45	280 C......40
N......32	KANS 40 B.....1.15	715 A.....NO BID
ALASKA 300 H N.B.	490 A...NO BID	810 A.....1.75
ARK 975 A.....1.00	MD 60 J.....1.20	ND 320 A.....NO BID
CAL 100 A......80	MICH 470 A...NO BID	B.....NO BID
110 D.....1.05	635 B......35	600 B.....NO BID
395 C......50	680 Q.....1.00	OHIO 10 L.....1.05
E......50	MINN 760 A....2.15	230 M......50
450 I......70	G...NO BID	435 B.....NO BID
975 A......75	MISS 460 K...NO BID	440 C.....NO BID
CONN 560 I...NO BID	L.... .75	OKLA 860 K......52
DC 500 H......60	MO 440 U...NO BID	ORE 160 B......30
J......60	MONT 80 H......55	PA 340 E......32
IDA 640 B...NO BID	NEB 980 B.....1.25	425 C......50
ILL 100 A.....5.25	NM 40 B.....1.10	470 A.....4.00
IND 890 A......20	900 A.....2.05	750 AV.....3.00
IA 150 B.....2.00	NY 70 A.....NO BID	950 F......45

= PRICES REALIZED AT NICOLosi'S AUGUST AUCTION =

ALA 750 B.....\$0.50	MO 440 U......50	W.VA. 830 F......40
ALAS 300 H...TOO LOW	NY 70 A......75	WISC 40 H......45
CAL 450 I...TOO LOW	230 H......55	220 A......40
775 A.....1.50	715 A......75	220 E.....1.00
B.....1.50	ND 320 A.....1.00	330 F......30
975 A.....1.00	B.....1.00	360 E......40
CONN 560 I......25	OHIO 230 M.... .50	430 D.....1.00
IDA 640 B......50	435 B......45	440 A.....1.00
KANS 490 A...TOO LOW	440 C......51	500 E......55
MICH 470 A....2.00	SD 680 A.....1.00	680 B.....1.50
680 Q......45	TENN 540 C.... .32	700 E......60
MINN 600 A......75	D.... .35	G......25
B......75	VA 600 B...NO BID	920 B......50
760 G......75	D...NO BID	980 A.....1.05
MISS 460 K......50	VA 600 I J L..3.25	BRIT. COL. 450
.....	WASH 340 A....3.50	A B C D.....3.20

IN STUDYING PRICES REALIZED OF RECENT AUCTIONS, COLLECTORS SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT THE CATALOGUE PRICES WERE ARRIVED AT IN 1957 AND 1958, BEFORE THE CENSUS OF RARE TOKENS WAS COMPILED, AND IN MANY CASES SUCH PRICES WERE THE RESULT OF GUESSWORK AS MUCH AS ANYTHING ELSE. CURRENT AUCTION PRICES ARE A MUCH BETTER GUIDE TO THE TRUE VALUES OF TOKENS. THESE PRICES OFTEN SEEM "EXTREMELY HIGH" IN RELATION TO CATALOGUE PRICES, BUT ADVANCED COLLECTORS KNOW THAT THE PRICES OF RARER TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE, HAVE INCREASED CONSIDERABLY WITH THE TREMENDOUS SURGE OF INTEREST IN TOKENS WHICH WAS GENERATED BY THE PUBLICATION OF OUR CATALOGUE. PRICES ARE THE RESULT OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND; IF DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY, THE PRICES GO UP.

= PRICES REALIZED AT THE NOVEMBER COFFEE-ATWOOD AUCTION =

[SEE PAGE 104, OCTOBER FARE BOX]

ALA 40 B.....\$2.55	MD 60 J.....1.60	OHIO 165 W.....1.00
560 A.....2.80	M.....3.10	95 A......55
B.....4.50	N.....6.00	125 A.....1.10
750 F.....2.50	P.....4.00	B.....1.10
ARIZ 680 A.....10.00	AM.....2.00	440 A......35
720 A.....6.40	AO.....2.00	535 B.....2.95
ARK 435 B.....8.00	300 A.....4.00	600 A.....1.45
F.....2.00	MASS 45 B.....1.55	860 B.....5.50
I.....2.00	50 A......60	OKLA 700 B.....1.60
CALIF 775 A.....1.10	MICH 80 A......75	ORE 20 B.....1.60
650 A.....1.00	605 A.....7.00	C.....1.60
998 C.....1.50	F.....7.00	PA 25 B......70
CONN 345 A.....5.25	845 N.....3.00	C......70
525 A.....1.50	935 A.....2.50	195 A.....1.55
550 A.....3.00	MINN 510 C......45	405 A.....9.00
FLA 540 A.....1.00	600 A......25	575 A.....1.00
GA 240 A......25	540 J.....2.00	C......70
GA 630 A.....7.25	730 C.....2.00	D.....2.55
IDA 380 A.....1.80	760 G.....1.25	645 A.....2.00
ILL 195 B.....7.00	790 A.....3.50	B.....2.00
125 A.....2.50	MISS 320 C.....2.50	725 F.....4.00
200 D.....3.50	Mo 140 C.....15.00	750 V......35
370 A.....9.00	420 B......50	TENN 375 A.....2.70
470 B.....2.00	440 T......35	D.....1.50
580 B.....7.75	U......40	TENN 430 A.....6.50
600 A.....2.50	640 A.....7.50	TEX 135 B.....8.50
760 E.....3.75	880 A.....4.00	340 A.....10.00
G.....2.50	MONT 660 A.....7.00	255 C.....1.00
768 C.....8.00	NEB 420 H......85	565 A.....2.50
795 G.....3.50	NJ 20 B.....2.06	VA 620 G......75
IND 500 A......50	185 A.....5.00	N.....3.50
700 E.....7.25	NY 10 A......40	S.....2.00
275 A.....3.05	75 A......85	WASH 690 C......75
B.....3.05	80 D......50	720 A......50
930 C.....3.05	300 A.....5.20	880 A......65
980 D......80	305 A......25	990 B......50
IOWA 110 C.....5.00	629 ERROR.....1.00	W.VA. 200 A......60
150 B.....2.00	630 Uc.....2.00	F.....1.50
KANS 30 A.....4.15	631 L......25	WISC 40 B......90
450 B.....4.50	M......25	170 D.....4.50
640 A.....8.05	695 A.....4.10	790 E.....2.55
KY 510 YB.....12.00	785 C.....2.00	WYO 100 D.....2.00
H.....8.00	70 A......50	I.....1.80
I.....4.50	NC 160 A.....4.50	J.....2.60
O.....5.00	290 C.....1.25	120 B.....9.00
P.....3.75	880 A.....2.00	E.....1.00
R.....8.00	980 B.....2.50	DC 500 E......35
Z.....13.00	ND 260 B......45	H......55
AD.....6.00	320 C.....1.00	N.....4.55
BC......55	600 B.....1.00	O.....2.50
MD 60 I.....1.00	OHIO 165 T.....1.00	ALASKA 300 F.....1.55

NOVEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

CALIFORNIAFRESNO 300 (REPORTED BY JOHN G. NICOLASI)
FRESNO MUNICIPAL LINES

K Bz 16 BAR GOOD FOR ONE FARE FRESNO .20

CONNECTICUT

NEW BRITAIN 290

C. R. & L. LINES

P B 16 Tr-SC GOOD FOR ONE FARE .25

PENNSYLVANIAPITTSBURGH 765 (REPORTED BY M.B. McROBIE)
ELEVATOR ADMIT ONE A.G.H.

ABO B 34 Sd [BLANK](ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL) 2.00

ZONE CHECKS 997 (REPORTED BY DUANE FEISEL)

Q o PE 31 Sd FARE PAID TO AIRPORT SCL

[SEE PAGE 57, JULY 1958 FARE BOX, FOR OTHER LISTINGS OF
SIMILAR ZONE CHECKS]VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA 20 (REPORTED BY JULIUS SHERR)

M B 23 B [LIKE 20 L BUT COPPER-PLATED] .25

CORRECTION: THE PRICE OF THE OAKLAND, CAL., TOKEN LISTED
LAST MONTH IS 25¢.

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

THE CITY OF FRESNO TOOK OVER FRESNO CITY LINES ON NOVEMBER 1. FARE HAD BEEN 25c OR 5/\$1 BUT FARE WAS REDUCED TO 20¢ WITH CONVENIENCE TOKENS STILL SELLING AT 5 FOR \$1. THE NAME OF THE LINE WAS CHANGED TO FRESNO MUNICIPAL LINES, AND A NEW TOKEN ISSUED. THE OLD TOKENS ARE STILL GOOD FOR FARE, BUT ONLY THE NEW ONES ARE BEING SOLD. I DON'T KNOW YET WHEN THE DEADLINE WILL BE, BUT MARK ALL FRESNO CITY LINES TOKENS OBSOLETE. INSTEAD OF A SCHOOL TOKEN THEY NOW ARE USING A PUNCH CARD.

CONNECTICUT RAILWAY & LIGHTING Co. (CR&L) RAISED FARES ON OCTOBER 1, 1961, AND THIS TIME INSTEAD OF USING THEIR OLD TOKEN AGAIN, THEY ISSUED A NEW ONE. THERE IS NO PARTICULAR REASON FOR LISTING THESE TOKENS FROM NEW BRITAIN; THEY COULD AS WELL BE LISTED UNDER BRIDGEPORT, WATERBURY, DERBY, ANSONIA, AND NORWALK. BUT THEY HAVE BEEN LISTED FROM NEW BRITAIN FOR YEARS, SO WE'LL CONTINUE THE TRADITION. THE LAST TIME THEY USED TOKENS WAS IN 1958, AND THEY HAD SILVERPLATED THE BRASS TOKEN WHICH WAS REPORTED IN JULY 1958 FARE BOX. BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW AT THAT TIME THAT THEY ALSO PLATED THE STEEL TOKEN, WHICH WAS REPORTED IN THE AUGUST 1959 FARE BOX. BY THE TIME WE LEARNED ABOUT IT,

THEY HAD DISCONTINUED TOKENS, SO IT WAS TOO LATE TO SUPPLY EVERYONE WITH THIS VARIETY. I HAD HOPED THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO GET SOME OF THEM WHEN THEY WENT BACK ON TOKENS, BUT APPARENTLY THEY ARE DESTROYING ALL THE OLD ONES NOW...SO THE SILVERPLATED STEEL MAY COMMAND A SLIGHTLY HIGHER PREMIUM.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH A REQUEST OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION, THE FOUR MAJOR TRANSIT COMPANIES SERVING THE AREA DEVELOPED A JOINT FARE ARRANGEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR PASSENGERS TO USE THE FACILITIES OF THE VARIOUS CARRIERS ON A ONE-FARE BASIS. THE FARE ON THIS JOINT LINE AGREEMENT FOR THE A.B. & W. LINES IS 25¢ OR 4 TOKENS FOR 85¢, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 1961. THE TOKEN WE HAVE LISTED IS FOR THIS ARRANGEMENT...SIMPLY A COPPER-PLATED ONE LIKE VA 20 L.

SHAKER HEIGHTS RAPID TRANSIT (CLEVELAND, O.) RAISED THE FARE ON OCTOBER 1 TO 30¢ OR 7 TOKENS FOR \$1.90. THERE WERE REPORTS THAT THERE WAS TO BE A BRONZE TOKEN, BUT SO FAR ALL WE KNOW IS THAT OHIO 175 AA IS BACK IN USE. THIS TOKEN IS USED IN A TURNSTILE AT THE CLEVELAND EXITS AND ENTRANCES.

LARRY FREEMAN REPORTS THAT HE OBTAINED INFORMATION THAT OHIO 25 A WAS FIRST USED NOVEMBER 1, 1951, WHEN THE PRESENT OWNER TOOK OVER THE LINE. IN TALKING WITH THE PRESENT OWNER, HE WAS GIVEN WHAT WE CALL AN UNPUNCHED SOLID TOKEN. WE HAVE NEVER TRIED TO MAKE ANY LIST OF THESE UNPUNCHED SOLIDS, BECAUSE WE FIGURE THAT ANY TOKEN WITH A CUT-OUT IN THE CENTER CAN COME THROUGH ACCIDENTALLY UNPUNCHED. SOMETIMES THIS MAY OCCUR ONLY ONCE IN 10,000 TOKENS, AS IN THE CASE OF THIS ASHLAND TOKEN, OR PERHAPS SOMETIMES MORE OFTEN. USUALLY COMPANIES SPOT THESE ERRORS AND PUT THEM IN A DESK DRAWER. THEN WHEN COLLECTORS VISIT THESE COMPANIES AND GET TALKING TO THE RIGHT PERSON, THEY ARE OFTEN GIVEN THE TOKENS. HAROLD CHESNEY HAS AN UNPUNCHED TOKEN FROM ROCHESTER, MINN. QUINCY LAFLIN HAS ONE FOR QUINCY CITY LINES. I HAVE ABOUT 15 OF THEM, OBTAINED SOMETIMES FROM COMPANIES AND SOMETIMES FROM COLLECTIONS I HAVE PURCHASED. IF COLLECTORS WILL SEND ME DESCRIPTIONS OF SUCH UNPUNCHED TOKENS IN THEIR COLLECTIONS, PERHAPS WE CAN WORK UP A LIST OF THEM FOR PUBLICATION IN SOME FUTURE FARE BOX.

SPEAKING OF SO-CALLED SOLID TOKENS WE HAVE A SOLID TOKEN FROM SIDNEY, OHIO. MORT DAWSON OBTAINED A FEW OF THEM SOMETIME BACK AND WAS TOLD THAT THE SECOND ORDER CAME THROUGH SOLID, INSTEAD OF HAVING THE TRIANGLE PUNCHED OUT. THE COMPANY WENT BROKE BEFORE MANY COLLECTORS COULD GET THIS TOKEN.

WE HAD A SIMILAR CASE IN MANSFIELD, OHIO. THE "A" TOKEN OF RICHLAND PUBLIC SERVICE CO., WAS USED IN 1921, BUT FROM 1922 UNTIL STREETCARS WERE DISCONTINUED IN JUNE, 1937, TRANSIT IN MANSFIELD WAS OPERATED BY OHIO PUBLIC SERVICE CO. I HOPE THERE WAS NO TOKEN ISSUED BY THEM WHICH WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT! THE PRESENT COMPANY TOOK OVER IN JUNE, 1937, AND USED THE "C" TOKEN. DURING THE WAR THE ZINC AND STEEL TOKENS WERE USED. ONE ORDER CAME THROUGH ON THE STEEL TOKENS WITH THE CUTOUTS, AND ANOTHER (505 E) CAME THROUGH WITHOUT CUTOUTS. THERE WAS NO REASON FOR THIS ACCORDING TO THE MANAGER OF THE COMPANY, BUT THE TOKENS WERE USED ANYWAY. I JUST MENTION THIS TO SHOW THAT IT CAN HAPPEN. HOWEVER THE SOLID 505 G WAS ORDERED THIS WAY, AND USED

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 18, 1951, WHEN THE FARE WENT TO A DIME STRAIGHT, AND WAS USED AS A CONVENIENCE TOKEN, AND ALSO FOR MAIL MEN. LATER THIS COMPANY RAISED FARES TO 15¢ OR 2/25, AND THE 23MM TOKEN WAS USED...UNTIL OCTOBER 1959 WHEN FARE WENT TO 25¢ OR 4/90; BUT ON THIS RATE THEY WENT BACK TO THE BRASS TOKEN 505 F WHICH IS NOW USED AS A CONVENIENCE TOKEN WITH A 25¢ STRAIGHT FARE. PREVIOUS TO OCTOBER 1959 WHEN THE 23MM TOKEN WAS STILL IN USE, SOME OF THEM WERE PIERCED AND GIVEN TO MAIL MEN. THIS WAS DONE TO SEE IF THE TOKENS WERE ACTUALLY USED BY POSTMEN OR BROUGHT IN FOR REDEMPTION. I HAVE A COUPLE OF THESE PIERCED TOKENS; PERHAPS THEY SHOULD BE LISTED. HOWEVER, ALL THE 23MM TOKENS HAVE BEEN SACKED UP AND RETURNED TO THE HOME OFFICE AT COLUMBUS. PERHAPS SOMEDAY THE COMPANY WILL USE THE 23MM ONES AGAIN, AND IF SO THE PIERCED ONES COULD BE PICKED OUT AND OBTAINED FOR COLLECTORS.

WE HAVE MANY TOKENS LISTED IN OUR CATALOGUE OUT OF CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER. I AM MAKING A FILE OF DATES WHEN TOKENS WERE USED, AND SEVERAL COLLECTORS HAVE BEEN HELPING ME ON IT. IF ANY READERS CAN SUPPLY INFORMATION WHEN TOKENS WERE USED, PLEASE REPORT IT TO ME.

TAKE ST. LOUIS FOR EXAMPLE. THE "A" TOKEN COMES FIRST, OF COURSE. THE NEXT TOKEN TO BE USED WAS 910 I, WHICH WAS FIRST USED ABOUT 1916, MOSTLY BY CITY WORKERS AND GOVERNMENT PEOPLE WHO PREFERRED USING TOKENS TO NICKELS, WHICH WERE THE SAME SIZE. WALTER VREDENBURGH SENDS IN AN AMUSING NOTE ON THIS. THESE TOKENS WERE ALSO GIVEN TO DETECTIVES WHO COULD TAIL SUSPECTS WITHOUT HAVING TO SHOW THEIR BADGE WHEN BOARDING A STREETCAR.

IN DIGGING THROUGH OLD TRANSIT JOURNALS I CAME ACROSS A STORY ABOUT THE THIRD STREET RAILROAD OF DAYTON, OHIO, WHICH ISSUED A TOKEN. IN 1886 IT SEEMS THE MEN WENT ON STRIKE. THEY WERE PAID \$10 A WEEK FOR WORKING SEVEN 15-HOUR DAYS! HOWEVER, THEY WERE GIVEN EVERY 15TH DAY OFF WITH PAY. THE MEN WENT ON STRIKE FOR \$1.75 A DAY. I NEVER DID LEARN IF THEY WON THE STRIKE, OR IF THE COMPANY STAYED IN BUSINESS. BUT IN THOSE DAYS FARES WERE A NICKEL, WITH 6 TOKENS FOR A QUARTER. THIS STORY ILLUSTRATES WHY WE DON'T HAVE A 5¢ FARE ANYMORE.

MR. GIBBONS OF BROOKLYN REPORTS THAT THE HUDSON & MANHATTAN HAS GONE BACK ON TOKENS, USING NY 630 AM. HOWEVER, WITH A 30¢ FARE, THEY ARE USING 2 TOKENS EACH WORTH 15¢ FOR THIS FARE. SINCE NEW YORK CITY TOKENS ALSO COST 15¢, AND BOTH WORK IN EACH OTHER'S TURNSTILES, BOTH COMPANIES ARE BUSY SORTING OUT EACH OTHER'S TOKENS FROM THEIR OWN! I DON'T KNOW IF THE NEW YORK TRANSIT AUTHORITY WILL TRY TO GET H&M TO CHANGE OR NOT.

KANSAS CITY TRANSIT HAS UPPED FARES TO 25¢ STRAIGHT, ELIMINATING 4/95 TOKENS....BOSTON HAS UPPED FARES TO A COMPLICATED ZONE SYSTEM WHICH GENERALLY COSTS 30¢ A RIDE INSTEAD OF 20¢ AS FORMERLY, BUT TOKENS STILL WORTH 20¢ RIDE IN THE SUBWAYS....A 9½ MILE SUBWAY WILL BE BUILT IN MONTREAL AT A COST OF \$132,000,000YELLOW BUS LINES OF MEMPHIS HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE MEMPHIS TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

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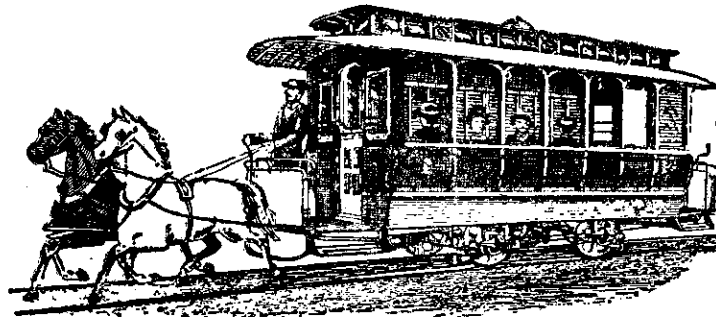
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= ATWOOD MADE HONORARY LIFE MEMBER =

ROLAND C. ATWOOD, A.V.A. #1, HAS UNANIMOUSLY BEEN VOTED HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. ROLAND HIMSELF WAS NOT INFORMED OF THE MOTION, AND THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME HE WILL HEAR OF IT. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FURTHER VOTED THAT AN APPROPRIATE SCROLL BE PREPARED AND PRESENTED TO ROLAND, DECLARING HIM TO BE "THE GREATEST TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTOR WHO EVER LIVED." AN APPROPRIATE TRIBUTE TO THE MAN WHO, MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIGNITY, HONOR, AND PROGRESS, WHICH HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN THIS HOBBY.

WE HOPE TO HAVE THE JANUARY ISSUE OUT IN THREE WEEKS TIME, AND WITH GOOD LUCK WE SHALL CONTINUE TO CATCH UP UNTIL ISSUES COME OUT APPROXIMATELY IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MONTHS INSTEAD OF THE END OF THE MONTH, OR WORSE, AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING. SO PLEASE HAVE ADS AND ARTICLES IN EARLY FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE.

DAN DiMICHAEL, OUR SECRETARY, WHOSE ADDRESS IS P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PENNA., HAS ASKED US TO REMIND ALL MEMBERS AGAIN TO SEND IN YOUR \$3 1962 MEMBERSHIP DUES. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. OUR ORGANIZATION HAS GREAT PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR, BUT THEY COST MONEY. YOUR \$3 DUES IS A REAL BARGAIN. NEARLY A THIRD OF IT ALONE GOES FOR POSTAGE TO MAIL OUT THE FARE BOX, TO SAY NOTHING OF PRINTING AND PAPER COSTS, FOREIGN CHECK LIST, VARIETIES LIST, CONSTITUTION, CONVENTION COSTS, ETC., ETC. THE MAIN REASON A.V.A. MEMBERS GET SO MUCH FOR THEIR DUES IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF VOLUNTEER LABOR ON HAND.



= A VISIT TO GRANT MONEY METERS, INC. =

EARLY IN DECEMBER OUR NEW ISSUES EDITOR, RALPH FREIBERG, CAME TO BOSTON TO VISIT YOUR EDITOR, SEE THE SIGHTS, VISIT A FARE BOX MANUFACTURER, RIDE STREETCARS, AND, INCIDENTALLY, TO TAKE IN SOME BASKETBALL GAMES. THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW RALPH WILL KNOW THAT HE HAS THE ENERGY OF THREE ORDINARY MEN, SO YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT WE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT.

THE SECOND DAY OF HIS STAY, RALPH AND YOUR EDITOR DROVE DOWN TO PROVIDENCE TO EXAMINE THE PLANT OF GRANT MONEY METERS, INC., MANUFACTURERS OF FARE BOXES. AFTER DRIVING OVER MOST OF RHODE ISLAND LOOKING FOR THE PLACE, WE FINALLY FOUND IT, AND WERE CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY THE SALES MANAGER. THIS GENTLEMAN SHOWED US OVER THE ENTIRE PLANT, EXPLAINING TO US THE INTRICACIES OF FARE BOX MANUFACTURER...ALL OF WHICH WAS WELL KNOWN TO RALPH WHO IS THE NATION'S NUMBER ONE EXPERT ON FARE BOXES... BUT WHICH WAS MOSTLY NEW TO YOUR EDITOR, WHO IS ONLY A LAYMAN ON THE SUBJECT. GRANT HAS SOLD THEIR FARE BOXES TO A LARGE NUMBER OF BUS COMPANIES, TOLL ROAD ADMINISTRATIONS, ETC., AND AS A RESULT WE MAY THANK GRANT FOR THE RECENT LARGE NUMBER OF NEW ISSUES OF TOKENS...BECAUSE WHEN A COMPANY INTRODUCES THEIR BOXES, THEY NEARLY ALWAYS BEGIN USING A NEW TOKEN, OR TOKENS.

THE SALES MANAGER TOLD US AT LUNCHEON--WHERE RALPH AND I WERE HIS GUESTS, INCIDENTALLY--THAT GRANT IS INTRODUCING AN ENTIRE NEW LINE OF TURNSTILES IN LARGE CITIES WHICH WILL INCORPORATE A NEW TYPE OF TOKEN, STRUCK IN ZINC, WHOSE DESIGN WILL BE CHANGED EVERY MONTH. AS THIS TURNSTILE CAN DETECT 14,000 VARIETIES OF TOKENS, AND THERE WILL BE DOZENS--PERHAPS HUNDREDS--OF THESE TURNSTILES IN USE IN CITIES THROUGHOUT AMERICA, AND THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENT TOKEN EVERY MONTH FOR EVERY TURNSTILE, IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO SEE THAT THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WILL HAVE ITS HANDS FULL BEFORE LONG. "YOU WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT TOKENS WE'LL BE USING," WE WERE TOLD. THE NEW GRANT TURNSTILE, DUBBED THE "METROSTILE," IS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE "IRON MAIDENS" NOW IN USE IN BOSTON AND SOME OTHER CITIES.

WHILE IN THIS GENTLEMAN'S OFFICE, RALPH AND I WERE ALSO PLEASED TO BE SHOWN A NEW, PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN, SET OF FIVE DIFFERENT ZONE CHECKS FROM NEW JERSEY. WE EACH OBTAINED A SET, ALL THE MAN HAD, AND WILL LIST THEM AS SOON AS WE LEARN IF THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE COMPANY THAT HAS USED THEM, AND HOW MUCH THEY ARE WORTH. GRANT HAS NO MORE OF THESE TOKENS, HAVING HAD ONLY THE TWO SETS FOR SAMPLES. WE ALSO LEARNED OF A NEW VARIETY OF MANUFACTURER'S SAMPLE ISSUED BY GRANT, BUT WHICH THEY NO LONGER HAVE ON HAND.

IT WAS A PROFITABLE AFTERNOON; WE WERE IMPRESSED BY THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE OF THE PLACE, AND THE SALES MANAGER PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED IF HE LEARNS OF ANY NEW TOKENS BEING USED ANYWHERE.

HOW VENTURA LOST ITS HORSECAR SYSTEM

[THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE, REPRINTED FROM THE VENTURA FREE PRESS OF NOVEMBER 6, 1908, AS QUOTED IN TIMEPOINTS, RECOUNTS "ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE ABANDONMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF STREET RAILWAYS" BROUGHT ABOUT BACK IN THE DAYS "WHEN MEN WERE MEN AND BOYS WERE BOYS."](VENTURA IS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.)

SOMETIME BETWEEN DARK AND DAYLIGHT SATURDAY NIGHT THE HALLOWEEN JOKERS OF VENTURA PLAYED A PRANK, THE MOST REMARKABLE IN THE HISTORY OF THE OLD TOWN, AND ONE WHICH WAS NEVER BEFORE HEARD OF ANYWHERE PERHAPS. THEY PUT THE OLD STREETCAR SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OUT OF COMMISSION BY DUMPING THE ROLLING STOCK INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. THE TWO OLD CARS WERE FOUND ON THE BEACH SUNDAY MORNING BY THE SURPRISED PEOPLE OF THE TOWN. ONE WAS FAR OUT IN THE SURF AT THE FOOT OF ASH STREET, RIDING UPRIGHT AND SWAYING IN THE BREAKERS. THE OTHER WAS FOUND LYING IN THE SAND AT THE FOOT OF CHESTNUT STREET, TURNED OVER ON ITS SIDE AND EVERY WINDOW SMASHED, EVIDENTLY FROM THE TUMBLE IT TOOK WHEN IT WAS STARTED DOWN THE STEEP INCLINE THERE WHICH LEADS TO THE BEACH.

WHEN THE THING HAPPENED AND WHO DID IT NO ONE KNOWS, EXCEPTING THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE. THAT IT WAS NOT ALTOGETHER THE WORK OF SMALL AND MISCHIEVOUS BOYS IS EVIDENT FROM THE FACT THAT IT WAS A GREATER TASK TO PUT THE CARS WHERE THEY WERE FOUND THAN COULD BE EASILY ACCOMPLISHED BY SMALL BOYS. BUT IT WAS PERHAPS ABOUT MIDNIGHT, WHEN THE TIDE WAS LOWEST, FOR THE CAR IN THE SEA MUST HAVE BEEN PLACED WHEN THE WATER WAS SOME DISTANCE OUT.

IT IS EVIDENT THAT ONE OF THE CARS WAS RUN FROM THE BARN AT ASH & FRONT STREETS TO THE OCEAN. IT IS ALSO EVIDENT THE OTHER CAR WAS RUN ON RAILS TO META & CHESTNUT AND THENCE TAKEN OVER THE STREET TWO BLOCKS TO THE FOOT OF CHESTNUT. A REPORT HAS IT THAT THE DESTINATION OF THE CARS, SO FAR AS THE CROWD WAS CONCERNED, WAS TO RUN THEM ON THE WHARF AND OFF THE END OF THAT STRUCTURE INTO DEEP WATER. THE PLAN DID NOT WORK BECAUSE THE LOCKED WHARF GATES STOPPED PROCEEDINGS IN THAT DIRECTION. NO LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR AN INSTANT WILL SANCTION OR STAND FOR WHAT WAS DONE WITH THE STREETCAR PROPERTY, BUT IT IS STRANGE HOW LITTLE SYMPATHY WAS EXPRESSED FOR THE LINE OR ITS OWNERS. IT OUGHT TO BE A LASTING LESSON TO THE PEOPLE WHO CONTROL THE RAILWAY. IT WAS SIMPLY THE NATURAL OUTCOME, FOR THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LONG SUFFERING WITH REGARD TO THIS STREETCAR SYSTEM. THE LINE HAS SEEN NO IMPROVEMENT WHATSOEVER SINCE IT WAS BUILT IN BOOM DAYS 20 YEARS AGO. TO THE CONTRARY IT HAS CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE UNTIL THE OLD RAILS ON MAIN STREET AND OTHER STREETS WHICH THEY OCCUPY ARE A CONSTANT MENACE TO PEOPLE WHO USE THE STREETS. THE RAILS ARE OF A VERY OLD FASHIONED AND CHEAPEST POSSIBLE KIND, THE GARAGE IS OLD-FASHIONED, AND THE CARS ARE SUCH THAT LONG YEARS AGO IN EVERY TOWN THEY HAVE BEEN RELEGATED TO THE SCRAP HEAP. THE RAILS ARE NOWHERE ON GRADE NOR HAVE ANY PRETENSES EVER BEEN MADE TO PUT THEM ON GRADE. THE LINE RUNS THE CARS TO SUIT ITSELF AND EVIDENTLY ONLY TO HOLD ITS FRANCHISE, AND LONG SINCE THE PEOPLE BE-

CAME DISGUSTED WITH IT, BUT SOMEHOW HAD TO TOLERATE IT.

IT IS STATED BY A LADY LIVING ON ASH STREET THAT IT WAS 10 P.M. WHEN THE CAR WAS RUN DOWN THAT WAY AND THAT IT WAS CROWDED WITH BOYS AND GIRLS AND HUNDREDS OF BOYS AND GIRLS SURROUNDED IT AND WITH SHOUTING AND RINGING OF THE BELL WERE HURRYING THE CAR TOWARD THE OCEAN. THIS WOULD SHOW IT WAS A CHILDISH PRANK ONLY, BUT NO DOUBT THE CHILDREN HAVE HEARD THEIR PARENTS AND OLDER PEOPLE EXPRESS THEMSELVES.

SUNDAY EVENING THE CAR IN THE SEA WAS PULLED OUT BY SOME STRONG MULES AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE PEOPLE WHO OWN OR CONTROL THE LINE. IT WAS HAULED TO THE BARN WHERE IT NOW LIES MUCH THE WORSE FOR WEAR.

BARTLEY AND HUDSON SPEAK ON TOKENS

A.V.A. MEMBERS HARRY C. BARTLEY AND DR. ROBERT J. HUDSON COMBINED TO GIVE A PROGRAM ON TRANSPORTATION TOKENS AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (WHERE BOTH MEN ARE MEMBERS). BARTLEY SPOKE ON THE HISTORY AND COMPOSITION OF TOKENS, AUGMENTING IT WITH SLIDES OF SOME RARE AND INTERESTING ITEMS. THESE SLIDES, THE WORK OF DR. HUDSON WHO IS NOTED FOR HIS SKILL IN PHOTOGRAPHING COINS, WERE IN COLOR AND PORTRAYED SUCH ITEMS AS RARE HORSECAR, OMNIBUS, ELECTRIC CAR AND COMMEMORATIVE TOKENS; ALSO SOME MAVERICKS, PATTERNS, FREAKS, TAG-TOKENS, AND A RESTRIKE. ESPECIALLY INTERESTING WERE SLIDES OF PITTSBURGH ITEMS SUCH AS PA 765 A C D E F H I T, THE TYPES OF X AND Y AS WELL AS THE PATTERN ISSUES OF THESE LAST TWO ITEMS. WITH THE GROWING INTEREST IN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS AMONG COIN COLLECTORS, THE PROGRAM WAS TIMELY AND WELL RECEIVED.

COLLECTORS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO POSSESS QUEBEC 620 C THRU N MAY BE DISMAYED TO HAVE CLIPPED TOKENS IN THEIR COLLECTIONS. HOWEVER, THE CLIPPING IS NOT ALTOGETHER A MUTILATION, BECAUSE THE CLIPPING WAS DONE BY THE BRIDGE MAN WHO, BEING UNABLE TO READ, USED THIS METHOD TO DISTINGUISH THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF TOKENS. THE TOKENS WERE USED IN THE EARLY 1800'S.

THE MONTREAL & LACHINE RAILROAD TOKENS, QUEBEC 620 A, WERE STRUCK IN BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, AND WERE USED BECAUSE ORDINARY PAPER TICKETS WERE NOT CONVENIENT FOR USE AMONG INDIANS AND WORKMEN ON THE LACHINE CANAL, WHO USED THE LINE. THE HOLE IN THEIR CENTER WAS PUT THERE BECAUSE THE TOKENS, AS TAKEN IN ON THE RAILROAD, WERE PLACED ON A WIRE. ALL TOKENS STILL IN THE POSSESSION OF THE RAILROAD WERE MELTED DOWN IN 1862.

JAMES MCKENZIE STAMPED HIS INITIALS INTO THE QUE 745 A TOKENS AFTER HE PURCHASED THE FERRY, WHICH OPERATED BETWEEN QUEBEC AND POINT LEVI. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF COUNTERFEITS OF THESE RARE TOKENS IN EXISTENCE.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN! HOW WE ALL HOPE AND PRAY THIS WILL SOON COME ABOUT IN ALL THE WORLD. YOU CAN DO YOUR SHARE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO FORGET WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT OTHERS HAVE DONE FOR YOU. IGNORE WHAT THE WORLD OWES YOU AND THINK WHAT YOU OWE THE WORLD. STOOP DOWN AND CONSIDER THOSE THAT ARE IN NEED AND THE WEAKNESS OF THOSE NO LONGER YOUNG. STOP WONDERING HOW MUCH YOUR FRIENDS LOVE YOU, JUST ASK YOURSELF WHETHER YOU LOVE THEM ENOUGH. IF YOU WERE ABLE TO THINK AND ACT ALONG THESE LINES AT LEAST ONE DAY IN THE PAST YEAR YOU HAD A FINE CHRISTMAS.

YOUR HAPPINESS IN THE COMING NEW YEAR WILL DEPEND ON JUST HOW HAPPY YOU MAY MAKE OTHERS; TRY IT. BE THANKFUL YOU ARE UP AND ABOUT IN THESE TRYING TIMES FOR THERE ARE A FEW OF YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT SO FORTUNATE. TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO REMAIN ON THE SICK LIST OR ARE HOSPITALIZED, I WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

YOUR A.V.A. HAS REALLY PROSPERED, AND NOW WITH 250 MEMBERS, OF WHOM 54 ARE LIFE MEMBERS, AND 2 HONORARY, WE CAN NOW LOOK FORWARD TO INCREASED MEMBERSHIP AND FURTHER PROSPERITY IN THE NEW YEAR.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT YOU AND THOSE NEAR AND DEAR TO YOU HAD A MOST HAPPY CHRISTMAS. MAY THIS NEW YEAR PROVIDE YOU WITH THE POWER AND PRIVILEGE OF CONTINUAL SERVICE TO YOUR FELLOW MAN.

- F. GORDON SMITH.

THE LAND COMPANY "RAILROAD FARE" TOKENS

LISTED IN THIS MONTH'S SUPPLEMENT IS ANOTHER OF THOSE INTERESTING REAL ESTATE TOKENS "GOOD FOR RAILROAD FARE IN PAYMENT OF LAND." FOR A LONG TIME THESE TOKENS, SUCH AS SD 380 A & B, PUZZLED US. WE COULDN'T FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE USED FOR. WHEN I RECEIVED SD 380 B A WHILE BACK I ALSO RECEIVED A LOT OF OLD LETTERS WHICH, I BELIEVE, INDICATE THE TRUE NATURE OF THESE TOKENS. I BELIEVE THEY WERE USED AS ADVERTISING GIMMICKS TO ENCOURAGE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF LAND TO COME AND VISIT THE LANDS FOR SALE BY THE LAND COMPANY. JOHN SLOAT SENT OUT A TOKEN WITH EVERY LETTER TO A PROSPECT. THEN, IF THE PROSPECT TRAVELED FROM, SAY, ILLINOIS UP TO SOUTH DAKOTA TO LOOK OVER THE LAND--AND IF HE DECIDED TO BUY SOME LAND--SLOAT WOULD REDUCE THE PURCHASE PRICE BY THE AMOUNT OF THE RAILROAD FARE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL FROM ILLINOIS TO SOUTH DAKOTA. BUT IF NO PURCHASE WAS MADE, NOBODY PAID YOU BACK FOR YOUR FARE. SO THE TOKENS WERE REALLY ONLY COME-ONS. THEY WERE NOT ACTUALLY ACCEPTED BY ANY RAILROAD FOR PAYMENT OF FARE. NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE A TENUOUS CONNECTION TO TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, WE HAVE LISTED THEM. BUT NOW THAT THEIR REAL NATURE IS EVIDENT, SOME CONSERVATIVE COLLECTORS MAY NOT WISH TO INCLUDE THEM IN THEIR COLLECTIONS.

- J.M.C.

SPECIAL PRICE TO AVA MEMBERS: MEDAL (1910) PENNA'S TRIBUTE TO HER HEROES AT GETTYSBURG: GENERAL MEADE, \$3.50. ABE LINCOLN (1909) 100TH BIRTHDAY MEDAL STRUCK BY GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, \$4.00. HAVE MORE THAN ONE OF EACH.

DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.

FOR SALE AT CATALOG: CALIF 395 B F G, 450 FA, 535 A B C D, 775 A D E I, 835 A C, 785 A B, 970 A, 545 A; NJ 30 A, 460 A, 885 A; TENN 430 A B O R, 710 A; Wisc 170 B C D, 180 E F; VA 600 B D F I J L, 620 K, 660 B C D E F, 580 N O P Q R S T, 560 A; NM 330 A; MONT 480 A, 140 A D, 380 B, 660 C E G; TEX 255 F, 145 A, 65 I, 5 C, 275 D E, 640 A, 950 C, 925 A, 810 C F; W.VA 100 C, 200 C, 290 A, 140 A, PLUS 15¢ POSTAGE & INSURANCE.

KENNETH SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

WANTED, THESE CALIF. TOKENS, WILL PAY TWICE CATALOG FOR THEM: 50 B, 300 B D E H, 435 B, 445 A, 450 E, 525 E, 575 G, 630 E, 650 A, 715 P R S, 745 B C D E F, 775 G H, 795 A, 825 C G, 835 B, 895 F, 975 A, 985 D. ALSO, FOR SALE AT 20c PLUS STAMPED ENVELOPE, NEW CALIF. 745 R SCHOOL TOKEN WITH SCHOOLHOUSE ON IT.

THOMAS R. McDANIEL - 5255 GUESSMAN AVE. - LA MESA, CALIF.

FOR TRADE ONLY FOR TOKENS OF LIKE VALUE OR TOKENS I NEED:

ALAS 500 A, CAL 760 B, GA 360 A B, ILL 100 A, KY 510 BS, NY 785 C D, 800 A, PA 750 AV, QUEBEC 875 A; MEXICO 640 A B.

JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

I FIND AT THIS TIME I MUST DISPOSE OF MY COLLECTION OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. I HAVE OVER 3,000 TOKENS FROM COMMON VARIETY TO \$3.50 ONES. CATALOG VALUE COMES TO OVER \$650. I WILL SELL FOR THE BEST REASONABLE OFFER. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, LET ME KNOW AND I'LL SEND YOU A LIST OF WHAT I HAVE.

WILTON MERRIFIELD - 1411 ENGLISH AVENUE - INDIANAPOLIS 1, IND.

AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: ALA 40 A, 120 B C E, 220 C D I J K, 560 A E G J N P, 570 B, 750 A B C D G, 840 A; ILL 100 A, 130 B C D E, 150 A B C V, 155 A, 200 A B, 235 B, 305 A B, 385 A, 455 A, 460 A, 720 A, 755 D, 760 A, 795 A C F H; IA 30 A D, 100 A, 150 A, 230 B, 300 D E G H, 390 A B, 740 B C G I, 890 A, 910 A, 930 B C. CLOSING 3 WEEKS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE FARE BOX.

HAROLD FORD, JR. - 2227 DERBY - BERKELEY 5, CALIF.

WANTED: ALL TOKENS FROM THESE CITIES: ALA 820; ARIZ 720; COLO 280; CONN 550; GA 630, 765; IND 700, 980; KANS 30; KY 160; LA 520 MD 70; MASS 45; MISS 620, 660; MO 830; NEB 120; NJ 220, 605; NM 900; OKLA 210; SC 450, 880; SD 480; TENN 250, 360; TEX 265; VA 80 WVA 640; WIS 510.

C. HOWARD JONES - R.D. #1 - Box 293 - MURRYSVILLE, PA.

AUCTION--BIDS CLOSE 2 WEEKS AFTER YOU GET FARE BOX: ARK 480 Q; CAL 450 C J, 575 F L, 745 L, 760 F; COL 260 G H; CONN 290 G, 305 K L M; DEL 900 G; FLA 380 P, 530 C F; GA 60 J, 70 B; HAWAII 240 C D; IA 30 B; ILL 150 Q W X, 690 D; IND 280 F, 460 K T W, 860 G; KY 150 B C(LL) D, 480 E, 510 AN (SL) AO, 530 A; MD 60 AL MASS 115 N, 355 A, 760 A; MD 60 AA AL; MICH 225 F; MINN 540 M.

FOSTER B. POLLACK - 1841 BROADWAY, RM 808 - NEW YORK 23, N.Y.

FOR SALE: ARK 360 G; CAL 715 J, 775 E; COL 60 AB, 140 G, 460 E; CONN 290 GA, 305 K, 560 G; ILL 755 FB; IND 270 AB, 280 DB, 610 G; KY 530 A; ME 40 A; MASS 630 AC; MICH 775 D, 885 C; MO 370 G; MONT 660 EB; NEB 440 G; NJ 460 A; NY 105 D, 360 B, 685 BB.

C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE STREET - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

PITTSBURGH COMMENTS BY HARRY C. BARTLEY

THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB ROUNDED OUT 1961 WITH THE REGULAR 4TH QUARTERLY MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE HOME OF PROSPER DEVOS. AS USUAL PROSPER AND HIS WIFE WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO SEE THAT THE CLUB ENJOYED THE MEETING; TABLES & EXHIBITS WERE SET UP AND THE REFRESHMENTS SERVED WERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROSPER'S WELL-KNOWN HOSPITALITY. ATTENDANCE WAS FAIR: 9 MEMBERS AND 7 VISITORS...AND ONE OF OUR OBJECTIVES IN 1962 WILL BE TO GET MORE OUT TO OUR MEETINGS. WE DID HAVE A COIN CONVENTION BUCKING US, PLUS POSSIBLE THREATENING WEATHER, WHICH LEADS US TO CONSIDER A CHANGE TO ALTERNATE-MONTHLY MEETINGS. MORE ON THIS LATER.

WE WELCOMED A NEW MEMBER, C. HOWARD JONES (AVA 353) TO OUR GROUP. FROM THE NUMBER OF TOKENS MR. JONES PICKED UP, WE BELIEVE HE ENJOYED HIS FIRST VISIT. QUITE A FEW OF THE OTHER MEMBERS ALSO ADDED QUITE A FEW ITEMS, BOTH COINS AND TOKENS, TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLECTIONS.

INASMUCH AS CORINNE AND BILL BLACK HAD BEEN TO MINNEAPOLIS, TALK CENTERED AROUND A DISCUSSION OF THE AVA CONVENTION. THE BANQUET PICTURE AND SOUVENIRS WERE SHOWN, AND MOST OF US ENVIED THE BLACKS FOR BEING ABLE TO ATTEND. SEATTLE IN 1962 SEEMS DOUBTFUL, BUT SO DID MINNEAPOLIS. PDTC WILL BE REPRESENTED THERE ALSO, IF OUR LUCK HOLDS OUT.

A SET OF SOME 60 SLIDES OF RARE AND INTERESTING TOKENS, WHICH WERE MADE FOR YOUR REPORTED BY DR. HUDSON (FOR A TALK ON TRANSPORTATION TOKENS DELIVERED BY BOTH MEMBERS BEFORE THE WESTERN PENNA. NUMISMATIC SOCIETY IN SEPTEMBER) WERE THEN SHOWN. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER SET OF SIMILAR SLIDES, VERY GRACIOUSLY LENT US BY NEIL TYSON OF WILMINGTON. THE PROGRAM WAS ROUNDED OFF BY PROSPER SHOWING US A SET OF SLIDES HE MADE OF HIS WIFE'S PRIZE-WINNING FLORAL EXHIBITS, AS WELL AS CHRISTMAS SCENES AND DISPLAYS OF FORMER YEARS. THE COLORING, SUBJECT-MATTER AND DIVERSIFICATION OF ALL THESE SLIDE GROUPS MADE THE SHOWING EQUALLY PLEASING TO MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER, COLLECTOR OR VISITOR. THE SHOWING WAS A FITTING CLIMAX TO A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

DUANE AND SHANNON FEISEL HAVE OFFERED THE USE OF THEIR HOME FOR THE JANUARY, 1962, MEETING. SO UNTIL SUNDAY AFTERNOON JANUARY 21, 1962, WHEN WE SHALL MEET AT THE FEISEL'S, 2412 Mt. PLEASANT ROAD - MONROEVILLE, PA., THE PDTC CLUB MEMBERS BID ADIEU TO 1961, WISHING ALL THEIR FELLOW TOKEN COLLECTORS AND AVA MEMBERS A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

WE REGRET TO REPORT TO MEMBERS THAT OUR GOOD FRIEND MR. M.B. McROBIE HAS BEEN ILL. HE SENDS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MEMBERS: "FELLOW MEMBERS OF A.V.A., I AM TERRIBLY SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN ANSWERING YOUR MANY LETTERS IN ANSWER TO MY AD IN THE PREVIOUS FARE BOX. HOWEVER, DUE TO AN ILLNESS SINCE THE FIRST OF DECEMBER I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ANSWER. I WILL DO SO JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS MEET AGAIN AT LAKEWOOD

THE 27TH REGULAR MEETING OF TOKEN COLLECTORS IN CALIFORNIA MET AT LAKEWOOD, CALIF., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1961, FROM 2 TO 4 P.M. PRESENT WERE CUTLER, GALLAGHER, FRITZSCHE, RITTERBAND, K. SMITH, R. SMITH, TARANTINO, AND VON BOLTENSTERN. MR. TARANTINO AND MR. FRITZSCHE WERE ATTENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME, HAVING BEEN DIRECTED TO OUR GROUP BY RALPH FREIBERG.

MR. VON BOLTENSTERN DISPLAYED AN ALBUM OF TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY PHOTOS, FEATURING PASADENA AND ITS FAMED MOUNT LOWE SCENIC RAILWAY. THIS SERIES WAS LOANED TO OUR MEETING THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK. LATER A NUMBER OF DUPLICATE TOKENS WERE EXCHANGED BY THE MEMBERS.

AS THIS MEETING HAD BEEN NAMED FOR ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND REPORTS, MUCH OF THE TIME WAS GIVEN TO BUSINESS. SECRETARY-TREASURER CUTLER READ HIS REPORTS ON THE ASSOCIATION'S FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP STANDING. IN A DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS EVERY OTHER MONTH, BUT ON THE ODD-NUMBERED MONTH INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT EVEN-NUMBERED. THIS WOULD AVOID ATTEMPTING MEETINGS IN AUGUST, WHEN THERE IS ALWAYS A CONFLICT WITH THE AVA CONVENTION, AND IN DECEMBER, WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON TO CONSIDER.

REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY PRESIDENT KEN SMITH AND BY MR. VON BOLTENSTERN ON FURTHER PLANS FOR A TOKEN DISPLAY AT THE HOBBY SHOW COMING UP IN THE SPRING. EACH MEMBER AGREED TO FURNISH A SEGMENT OF THE DISPLAY, ALL TO BE COORDINATED BY KEN SMITH. ON MOTION BY RITTERBAND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO TRANSPOSE THE NAME OF OUR GROUP FROM "ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS" TO "CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS." NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE ISSUED TO SHOW THIS CHANGE, SINCE IT IS CONSIDERED A MORE CORRECT TITLE FOR OUR SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES.

THE FINAL BUSINESS WAS THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1962, WITH THE FOLLOWING NAMED: PRESIDENT, EDWARD M. CUTLER. VICE-PRESIDENT, WILLIAM GALLAGHER. SECRETARY-TREASURER, ROBERT M. RITTERBAND. OUTGOING PRESIDENT KENNETH SMITH WAS NAMED DIRECTOR OF EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1962, AT A PLACE TO BE NAMED BY MR. RITTERBAND.

- ROBERT M. RITTERBAND.

PITTSBURGH HAS RAISED FARES FROM 27¢ TO 30¢ WITH A 4/\$1.15 TOKEN BEING USED....ITHACA, N.Y., IS THINKING SERIOUSLY OF ABOLISHING ALL BUS FARES AND LETTING EVERYBODY RIDE FREE, WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PICKING UP THE TAB....RICHMOND, VA., HAS UPped FARES FROM 15¢ TO 20¢, TOKENS FROM 4/60 TO 5/80.

= TOKENS OF DUAL NATIONALITY =
BY RALPH FREIBERG

THERE ARE TOKEN COLLECTORS WHO SAVE ONLY U.S., AND SOME WHO SAVE ONLY CANADIAN, AND SOME WHO SAVE BOTH. WE HAVE SEVERAL TOKENS WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED EITHER U.S. OR CANADIAN TOKENS...AND, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THIS INCLUDES TOKENS GOOD FOR TRANSPORTATION UNDER A RIVER, ON A RIVER, AND OVER A RIVER (VIA A BRIDGE).

THE TOKENS LISTED AS MICH 225 F TO K, COULD ALSO BE LISTED FROM WINDSOR, ONTARIO. THEY ARE USED ON A BUS WHICH RUNS THRU A TUNNEL UNDER A RIVER, BETWEEN DETROIT AND WINDSOR.

THE TOKENS LISTED AS MICH 885 C AND D ARE USED ON A FERRY BOAT BETWEEN MICHIGAN AND ONTARIO.

THE RECENTLY ISSUED TOKEN, ONTARIO 200 A, IS USED FOR AUTOMOBILES CROSSING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN CORNWALL, ONTARIO, AND MASSENA, N.Y. THE TOKEN COULD JUST AS WELL BE LISTED FROM MASSENA, N.Y.

NY 640 B WAS USED FOR PEDESTRIANS CROSSING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., AND NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO. BUT I AM UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE L.F. BRIDGE, ON WHICH NY 640 A WAS USED, CONNECTED THE TWO COUNTRIES OR NOT...BUT IT APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER BI-NATIONAL TOKEN.

THE PEACE BRIDGE, ON WHICH NY 105 A WAS USED, CONNECTS BUFFALO, N.Y., AND FORT ERIE, ONTARIO. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PARTICULAR BRIDGE, SEE PAGE 82, NOVEMBER 1956 FARE BOX.

PRIVATELY-ISSUED SPECULATIVE TOKENS

MR. EMZY L. THOMPSON, WHO WAS EXPELLED FROM THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION SEVERAL YEARS AGO, HAS RECENTLY TURNED UP IN HASTINGS, NEBRASKA, USING THE NAME "ALONZO J. THOMPSON," ACCORDING TO OUR PRESIDENT, MR. SMITH, WHO ASKS MEMBERS TO BEAR THIS IN MIND WHEN DEALING WITH HIM.

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, WHILE LIVING IN HAGERSTOWN, MD., MR. THOMPSON HAD FOUR VARIETIES OF TOKENS MADE UP WHICH, AS FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN, WERE NEVER AUTHORIZED BY THE FIRMS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE TOKENS. THOMPSON APPARENTLY HOPED THE FIRMS WOULD ADOPT HIS TOKENS FOR USE. SINCE THEY ARE STRICTLY PRIVATE SPECULATIVE ISSUES, THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN LISTED BY US, ALTHOUGH CONCEIVABLY THEY COULD BE CALLED PATTERNS. HOWEVER, LEST UNSUSPECTING COLLECTORS BE OFFERED THESE ITEMS AT HIGH PRICES, WE ARE DESCRIBING THEM BELOW:

	FREDERICK TRANSIT CO. FREDERICK, MD. (STAR)
A 26 Sd	SCHOOL FARE
	ANTIETAM TRANSIT CO. HAGERSTOWN, MD. (STAR)
A 26 Sd	SCHOOL FARE
	EAST BROAD TOP R.R. ROCKHILL FURNACE PENNA. N.G.
B 32 Sd	ROUND TRIP ADULT
A 32 Sd	ROUND TRIP CHILD

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 392 ALFRED D. HOCH - 18 IRVING ROAD - NATICK, MASSACHUSETTS
AGE 26; MECHANICAL ENGINEER. COLLECTING 4 YEARS.
- 393 JOSEPH ODA - 842 LUKEPANE ST. - HONOLULU 16, HAWAII
AGE 45; CARPENTER. COLLECTING 5 YEARS; 200 TOKENS
- 394J DAVID BRANDT - 37 SENECA STREET - NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT
AGE 16; STUDENT. COLLECTING 5 YEARS.
- 395 CLARENCE M. KISTLER - 8144 31ST AVE., S.W. - SEATTLE 6, WN.
AGE 46; SUPERVISOR AT BOEING. COLLECTING 3 YEARS.
- 396 IVAN R. SHIRROD - 3500 90TH S.E. - MERCER ISLAND, WASH.
AGE 43; COST ENGR., IBM CORP. COLLECTING 5 YEARS.
- 397J HAL N. OTTAWAY - 3002 GRAIL - WICHITA 11, KANSAS
AGE 19; COLLEGE STUDENT. COLLECTING 2 MONTHS.

APPLICANTS PROPOSED BY COFFEE (392,394,397), MEDCALF (393),
HEPPNER (395,396).

RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP

330 MAURICE BRAUERMAN.

343 DR. EARL PARSONS.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WALT FAIRFIELD - 9303 AVENUE K - HOUSTON 12, TEXAS

ALLEN B. MAITLAND - 224 ST. GEORGE ST. - APT. 309 - TORONTO 5,
ONTARIO, CANADA.

CORNELIUS B. TYSON - 613 HALSTEAD RD., SHARPLEY - WILMINGTON 3,
DELAWARE.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

ONLY 1 TOKEN FOR DECEMBER, WHICH WILL GO OUT TO YOU IN JANUARY, ALONG WITH QUITE A FEW OTHER TOKENS, MOSTLY CANADIAN. I MUST AGAIN REMIND THOSE WHOSE DEPOSITS WITH THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE ARE BELOW \$3.50, THAT YOU MUST KEEP IT ABOVE THAT FIGURE, OR YOU ARE LIABLE TO BE DROPPED. DURING THE PAST YEAR, 1961, YOU WERE SENT 38 NEW ISSUES, U.S. AND CANADA, WHICH IS 3 MORE THAN WENT OUT IN 1960, SO IT SEEMS WE'RE DOING BETTER YEAR BY YEAR. LET'S HOPE EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR INCREASES OUR COLLECTIONS, BOTH NEW ISSUES AND OLDIES AS WELL. WE WISH TO WELCOME DR. M.R. TALISMAN, OF WOODMERE, N.Y., TO THE N.I.S. AT THIS TIME. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO STATE THAT THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE IS STRICTLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE A.V.A., AND THAT ANY MEMBER WHO DROPS OUT OF THE A.V.A., OR IS EXPELLED, WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DROPPED FROM THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE AS WELL. A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO 745 (REPORTED BY THOMAS McDANIEL)
 SAN DIEGO TRANSIT SYSTEM (SCHOOL HOUSE)(2 slots)
 R WM 20 BALL GOOD FOR ONE SCHOOL FARE (SCHOOL HOUSE) .15

SOUTH DAKOTA

ROSCOE 800 (REPORTED BY HAROLD CHESNEY)
 LIGHTNER-McCAFFERTY LAND CO. REAL ESTATE ON
 /EASY TERMS ROSCOE, S.D.
 A o A 39 Sd GOOD FOR RAILROAD FARE IN PAYMENT OF LAND
 /BOUGHT OF LIGHTNER McCAFFERTY LAND CO.
 /ROSCOE, S.D. 2.00

WESSINGTON SPRINGS 970 (REPORTED BY ROLAND C. ATWOOD)
 G.N. PRICE WESSINGTON SPRINGS, SO. DAK.
 A o A 29 Sd ONE BUS FARE 3.50

CANADA - QUEBEC

JACQUES CARTIER 360 (REPORTED BY J.A.W. CASSIDY)
 (SAME OBVERSE AS 360 A B C)
 D WM 17 CH (REVERSE SAME AS A B C) .15
 E B 17 Tr-SC " " " " " " .50
 F B 20 Tr-SC " " " " " " .25
 G WM 20 CH " " " " " " .15
 [A B AND C ARE NOW OBSOLETE; D REPLACES A; E REPLACES B;
 F REPLACES C; G REPLACES A TOKEN NEVER PUT INTO CIRCULATION.]

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

WE ARE A LITTLE LATE THIS MONTH. I HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM HOME FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS, AND TOOK A COUPLE DAYS TO GET ORGANIZED AFTER RETURNING. FIRST OF ALL THIS MONTH, WE HAVE A SCHOOL TOKEN FROM SAN DIEGO. THE FARES CHANGED DECEMBER 11, 1961, WHEN ADULT TOKENS WERE DISCONTINUED AND SCHOOL TOKENS INTRODUCED. THIS IS ONE OF THE COMPANIES WHICH CHANGED OVER TO GRANT MONEY METER FARE BOXES, AND OF COURSE THEY HAD A SLOT FOR SCHOOL TOKENS IN THEIR NEW FARE BOXES, BUT IT WASN'T USED TILL THE NEW FARE CHANGES. THIS TOKEN ISN'T SOLD ON BUSES, AND IS GOOD ONLY FROM 6 A.M. TO 6 P.M. ON SCHOOL DAYS. THE TOKENS GO FOR 6 FOR 90¢. THIS IS THE FIRST TRANSPORTATION TOKEN TO PICTURE A SCHOOL HOUSE ON IT.

LAST MONTH WE NEGLECTED GIVING CREDIT TO DONALD MAZEAU FOR FINDING AND OBTAINING A SUPPLY OF THE NEW CONNECTICUT TOKEN.

NEXT WE HAVE ANOTHER OF THOSE LAND TOKENS FROM SOUTH DAKOTA. FOR A LONG TIME WE HAD ONE LISTED FROM GETTYSBURG, S.D., BUT NOTHING WAS REALLY KNOWN ABOUT IT. THEN JOHN COFFEE DIS-

COVERED A NEW VARIETY OF THE GETTYSBURG TOKEN, AND NOW MR. CHESNEY HAS COME UP WITH ONE FROM ROSCOE. ROSCOE, HE REPORTS, IS A SMALL TOWN OF 725 POPULATION, LOCATED 42 MILES WEST OF ABERDEEN ON U.S. HIGHWAY 12. IT IS ABOUT 30 MILES NORTHEAST OF GETTYSBURG. SEE AN ARTICLE ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE ABOUT LAND COMPANY TOKENS.

THE WESSINGTON SPRINGS TOKEN WAS ORIGINALLY OWNED BY MR. C.W. DELK, WHO LENT IT TO ROLAND ATWOOD, WHO SHOWED IT TO VARIOUS COLLECTORS AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION. SINCE THEN THE ONLY SPECIMEN OF THE TOKEN HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY JOHN COFFEE FROM MR. DELK. EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY AT LEAST TWO COLLECTORS TO FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THE LINE, AND TURN UP MORE TOKENS, BUT TO NO AVAIL. OBVIOUSLY, IT IS A TYPICAL DEPOTEL TOKEN, USED AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, AND THE FIRST DEPOTEL WE HAVE LISTED FROM SOUTH DAKOTA. THIS LEAVES NEBRASKA THE ONLY MIDDLE WESTERN STATE FROM WHICH WE HAVE NO DEPOTEL TOKENS LISTED.

THIS MONTH WE ARE LISTED SEVERAL NEW TOKENS FROM JACQUES CARTIER, QUEBEC. WE HAD LISTED 3 TOKENS IN THE MAY 1961 FARE BOX. SINCE THE 17MM ONE LOOKED TOO MUCH LIKE A DIME THEY DECIDED TO PUNCH A HOLE IN THE CENTER OF THE WHITE METAL ONE, AND A LITTLE TRIANGLE IN THE CENTER OF THE LITTLE BRASS TOKEN. THEY ALSO HAD INTENDED TO USE A 22MM WHITE METAL TOKEN FOR CHILDREN, BUT IT DEVELOPED THAT THESE TOKENS LOOKED TOO MUCH LIKE THE TOKENS USED ON THE JACQUES CARTIER BRIDGE. ANOTHER FACTOR IS THAT THE CANADIAN QUARTER IS SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN THE U.S. QUARTER, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR "LARGE SIZE" CANADIAN TOKENS BEING A TRIFLE SMALLER THAN "LARGE SIZE" CURRENT U.S. TOKENS. THE U.S. TOKENS BEING .900 INCH, WHEREAS THE CANADIAN ONES ARE .880 INCH, IN DIAMETER. SO, INASMUCH AS THE INTENDED 22MM SCHOOL TOKENS NOT ONLY RESEMBLED THE BRIDGE TOKENS, BUT MIGHT ALSO HAVE PASSED AS QUARTERS, IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO USE THEM. SO WE HAVE NEVER LISTED THIS 22MM TOKEN, BECAUSE NONE OF THEM ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE GOT OUT. IF ENOUGH OF THEM EVER DO GET OUT, WE SHALL LIST THEM, BUT NOT FOR THE PRESENT. SO THEY ISSUED A 20MM TOKEN TO REPLACE THE UNISSUED 22MM TOKEN, AND ALSO REPLACED THE 22MM BRASS SCHOOL TOKEN WITH A 20MM BRASS TOKEN... AS FARE BOXES REGISTER ONLY 2 SIZES OF TOKENS, IN THIS CASE BEING 17MM FOR ADULTS AND 20MM FOR SCHOOL. NOTE ALSO THAT MOST "SMALL" CANADIAN TOKENS ARE A BIT LARGER THAN "SMALL" U.S. TOKENS--OURS BEING 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ MM, THEIRS 17MM.

WE ALSO HAVE A NUMBER OF NEW TOKENS TO LIST FROM QUEBEC CITY. MR. CASSIDY REALLY HIT THE JACKPOT LAST FEW MONTHS. THERE ARE 4 NEW TOKENS FROM JACQUES CARTIER, LISTED THIS MONTH, AND AT LEAST ELEVEN MORE FROM QUEBEC CITY. UNFORTUNATELY, IN GETTING THEM--SO MANY OF THEM AT ONCE--THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE HAD TO PAY A DUTY ON THEM. THE DUTY APPARENTLY ONLY APPLIES ON LARGE (OVER \$10 WORTH) PACKAGES, AND IT HAS BEEN PAID ON THE FIRST TWO PACKAGES. WE HOPE TO GET AROUND THIS BY HAVING THE REST OF THEM SHIPPED IN SMALLER (UNDER \$10 WORTH) PACKAGES... WHICH WILL CAUSE SOME DELAY, BUT AT LEAST HOLD DOWN THE PRICE THE N.I.S. HAS TO CHARGE. WE HOPE TO HAVE THESE TOKENS READY TO LIST IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX.

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